America before European Conquest

- Before Columbus ("Pre-Columbian")
  - Diversity

- Contact & Conquest
  - The Spanish in America – goals?

- Consequences
  - For Europeans
  - For Native Americans
  - "Columbian Exchange"
Bering Strait - today
Beringia – the last Ice Age
North America

- diversity
- climate
- geography
North America

- 4 million
Central & South America

- 76 million

Aztecs - Mexica
Mexica/Aztec

- Nahuatl
- “People of Aztlan”
Tenochtitlán
Aztec Empire
Motecuzōma Xocoyotzin

Montezuma or Moctezuma II
Hernán Cortés

1519 - 1521
Inca (Inka)

- Largest pre-Columbian empire
- Quechua
- Cusco (Cuzco), Peru
Francisco Pizarro Gonzalez
Atahualpa
Spanish America

goals ?
“God, gold & glory”
Spanish America

- how to extract maximum profit?
  - Maximize labor
  - Control flow of wealth
Maximize labor

- “encomienda” – system of labor tribute
- “encomendero”
Control flow of wealth

- Establish government

silver
Administration of Spanish America

- “viceroyalty”
- “viceroy”
- accountants
- customs officials
- judges
Crown’s portion of the wealth

Royal fifth

“quinta”
Consequences of Contact

“Columbian exchange”
Consequences of Contact

- demographic catastrophe

- smallpox
- typhus
- influenza
- measles
The English in America