

America before European Conquest

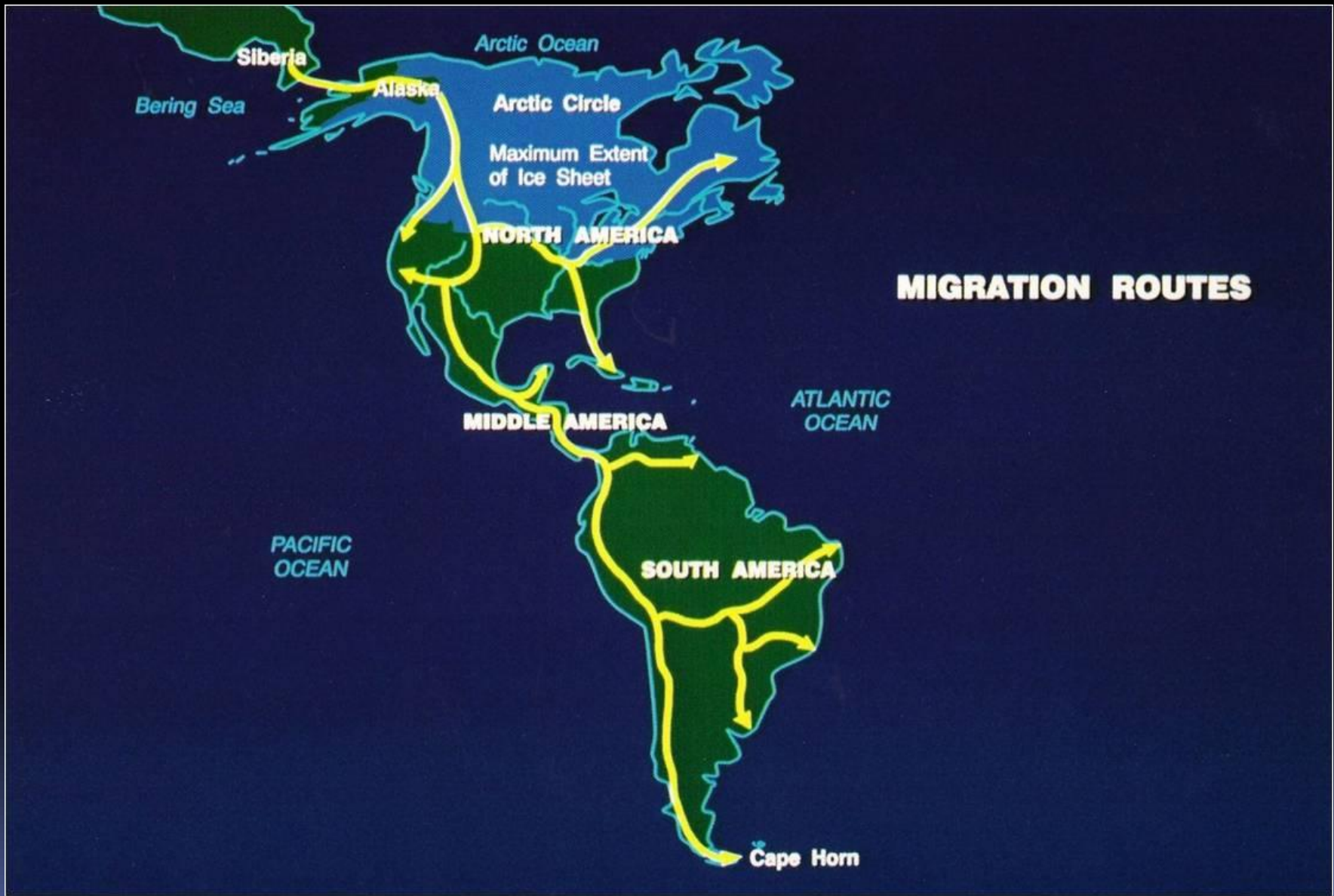
- Before Columbus (“Pre-Columbian”)
 - Diversity
- Contact & Conquest
 - The Spanish in America – goals?
- Consequences
 - For Europeans
 - For Native Americans
 - “Columbian Exchange”

Bering Strait - today



Beringia – the last Ice Age





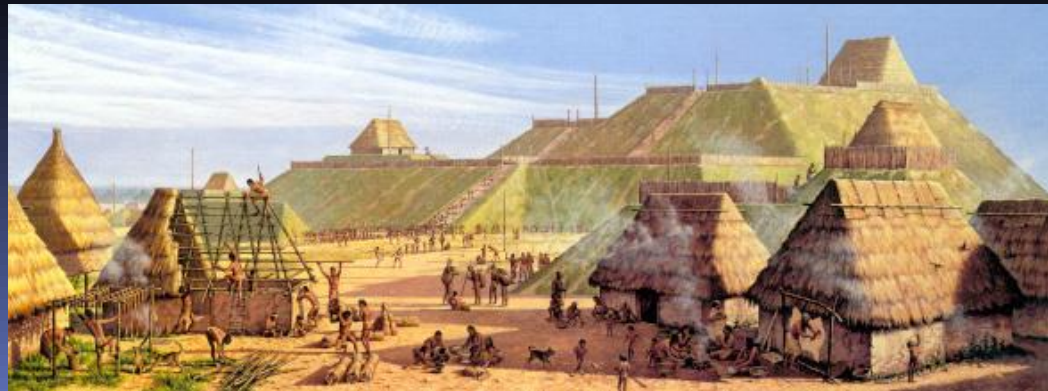
North America

- diversity
- climate
- geography



North America

- 4 million

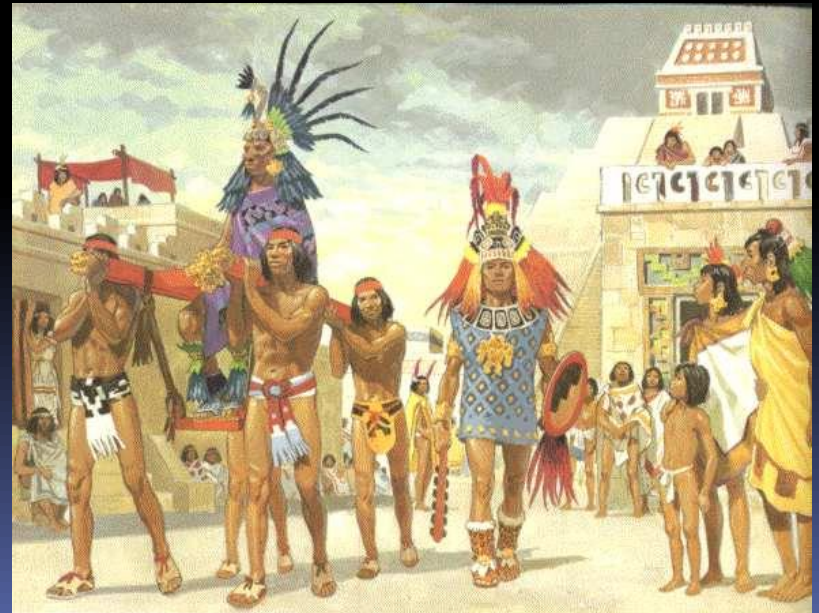


Central & South America

- 76 million

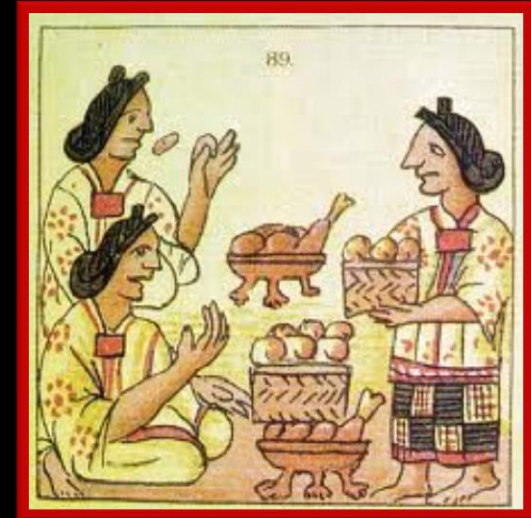


Aztecs - Mexica

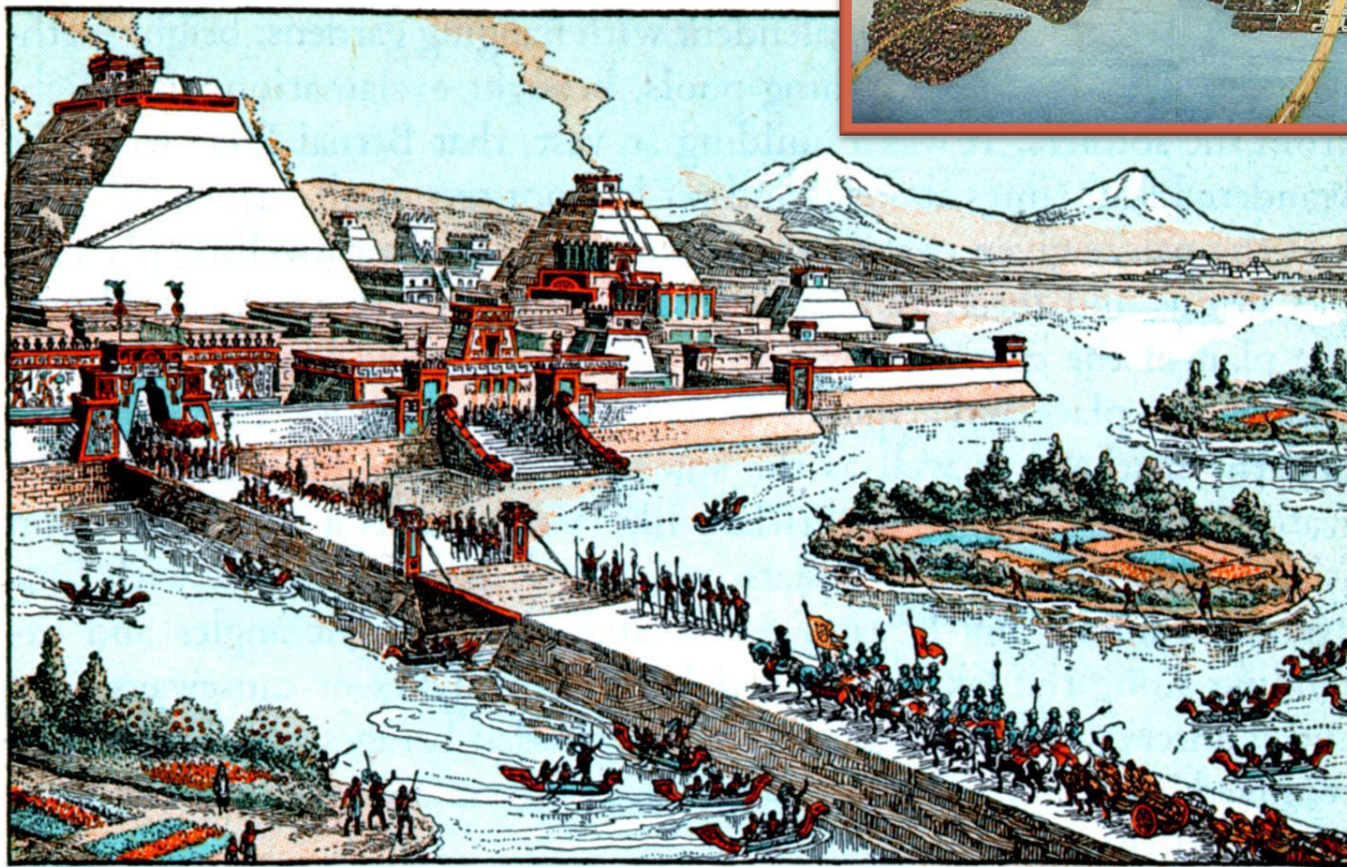


Mexica/Aztec

- Nahuatl
- “People of Aztlan”



Tenochtitlán



Aztec Empire





Motecuzōma Xocoyotzin



Montezuma or
Moctezuma II

Hernán Cortés

1519 - 1521



Inca (Inka)

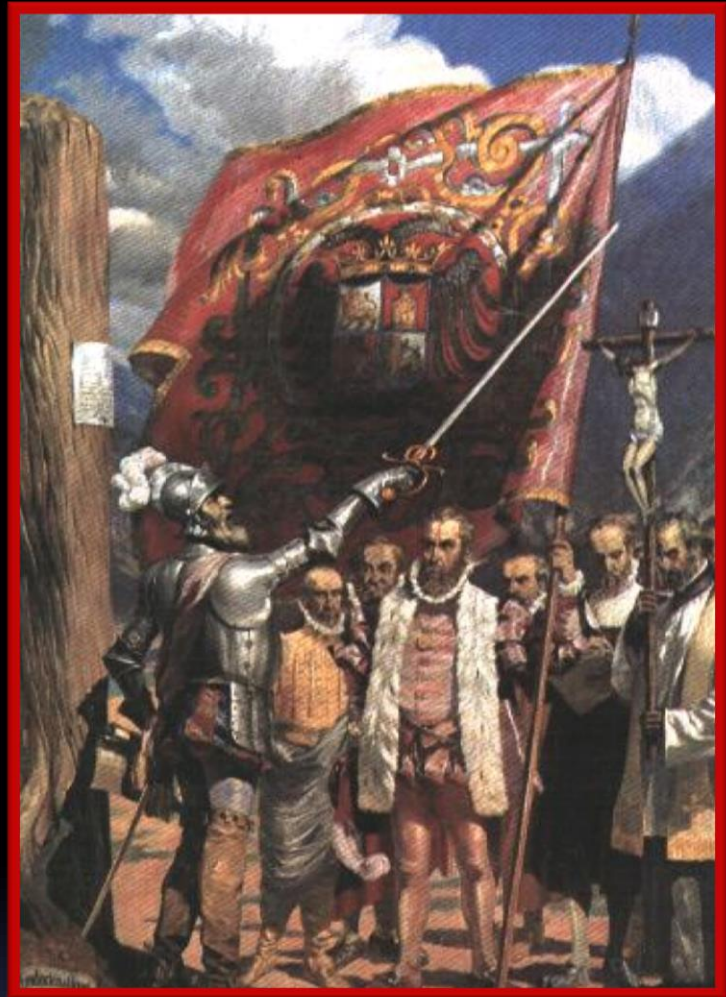
- Largest pre-Columbian empire
- Quechua
- Cusco
(Cuzco), Peru







Francisco Pizarro Gonzalez



Atahualpa





1524 - 1533

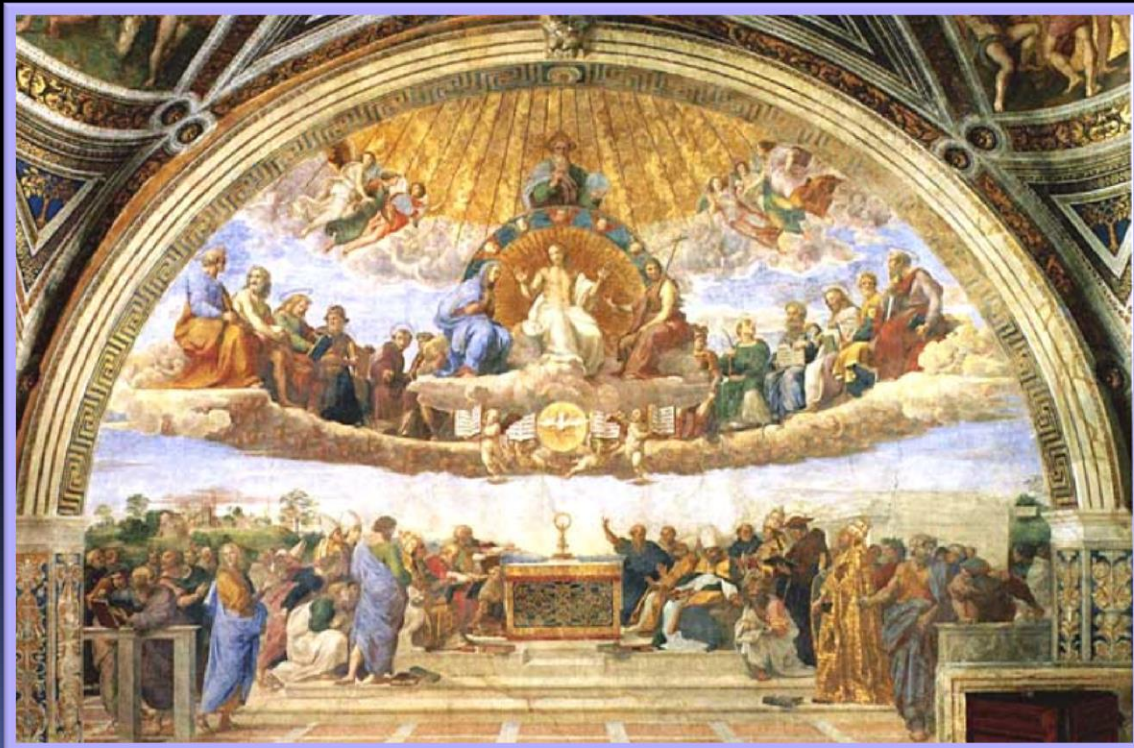


Spanish America

➤ goals ?



“God, gold & glory”

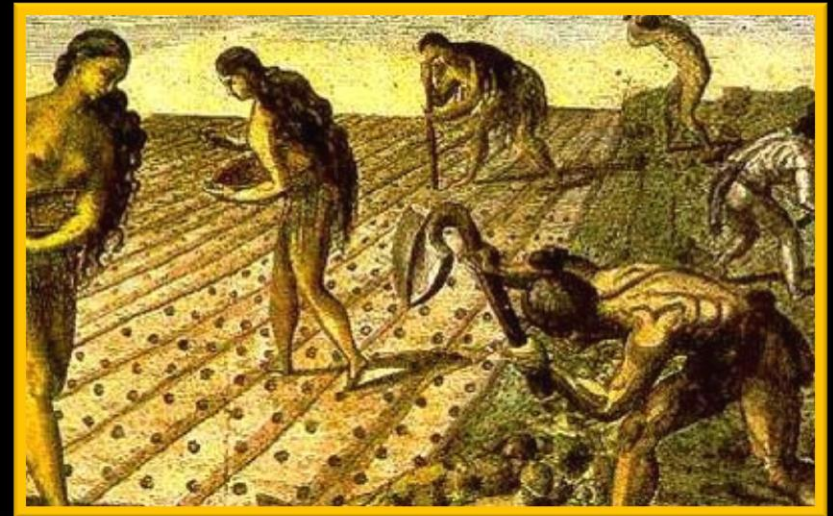


Spanish America

- 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”

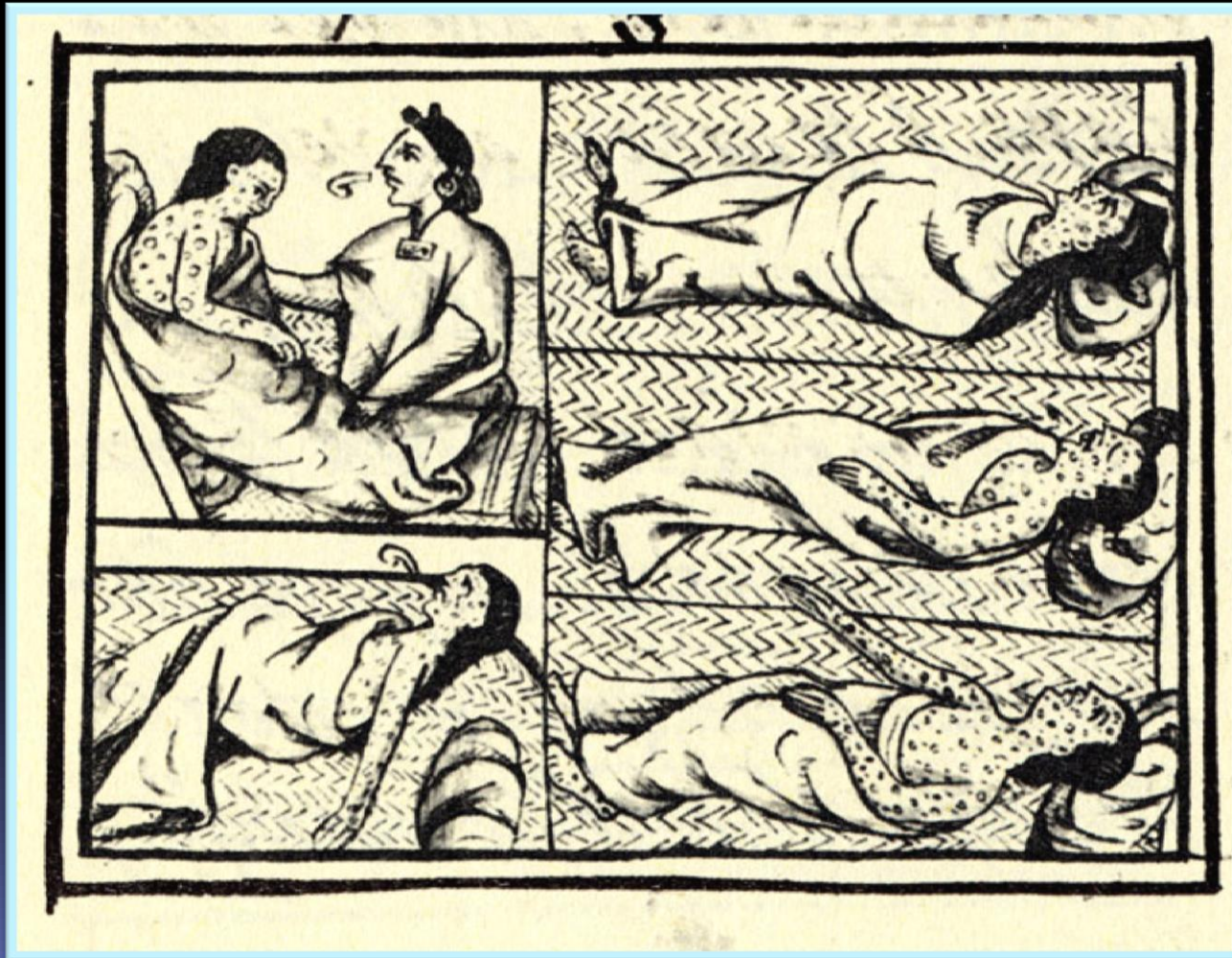
Consequences of Contact

➤ “Columbian exchange”



Consequences of Contact

➤ demographic catastrophe



smallpox

typhus

influenza

measles

The English in America

