

### Spanish-speaking countries

Caribbean      Central America      South America

### Castile and Religion

Push to create single faith state

Jews expelled if they didn't convert to Christianity

Loss of expertise in arts/science/education/medicine/trade/commerce

These Sephardic Jews' descendants have recently given the right to recover their Spanish identity after 5+ centuries

### Taino People

Population=Approx. 1 million

Various diff. groups

Native religion, many gods

Sedentary population, lived in settlements

Metrilineal- Lineage traced through Maternal line

Initially welcomed Columbus

Rebellion due to Spanish abuse

Final rebellion came too late to succeed

### Decline of Taino Population

Diseases brought by Spanish

Ill treatment/ Slave labour

New animal/plants from Europe=Disrupted native life

711-Muslim invasion of Iberian Peninsula

1492-End of the Reconquest

### The Catholic Kings and the Surrender of Granada

#### Fall of Granada

-1492

-Last Muslim kingdom in Spain

-Isabella of Castile

-Sponsorship of Columbus' voyage

-Jews expelled from Spain

#### Queen Isabella of Castile

Married to Ferdinand of Aragon

I.e. The Catholic Kings

### Christopher Columbus

Genoese sailor

Looked for a powerful sponsor for his voyage

Wanted to find a new trade route to the Indies

Voyage motivated by commercial ambitions

Accidentally discovered new territories of the Caribbean

Hispaniola= Home to Taino people, became base for Spanish imperial expansion

Columbus brought back gifts to the Queen, while that Taino rebelled

1493- Pope Alexander gave Spain responsibility to convert native Caribbean people

1506- Columbus died, still believing he had discovered the Indies

### Exchanges between the Old/New Worlds

#### From Europe

Pigs/Cattle

Horse/Mastiffs(Dogs)

#### From "The New World"

Maize/Potatoes

Beans/Peanuts

Tomatoes/Pepper

Avocados/Tobacco

Chocolate



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