

Age of Exploration: A Document-Based Activity

This question is based on the accompanying documents. The question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Some of these documents have been edited for the purposes of this question.

Historical Context: *The Age of Exploration was a time period that brought two previously isolated worlds together. European explorers caused great and lasting changes for both the Old and the New Worlds. Most would agree that European exploration of the Americas had both beneficial and harmful effects.*

Task: Your group will study each document and discuss the questions included with each document. Then, you will fill out the chart with the information you have gained from the documents during your discussion. Using the information from the documents and your knowledge of global history from 7th Grade and Chapter 1, answer the following **essential question** in an ARE Statement. You may also choose to do your own research.

What were some of the positive and negative effects of European exploration of the Americas?

DOCUMENT	Does the document show a positive or negative effect?	Give a specific example of the positive or negative effect.
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Essential Question:

What were some of the positive and negative effects of European exploration of the Americas?

Assertion: After analyzing the sources, I believe a positive aspect of European exploration was _____

Reason: I think this because _____

Evidence: This is shown by document ____ which says _____

Assertion: Additionally, I believe a negative aspect of European exploration was _____

Reason: I think this because _____

Evidence: This is shown by document ____ which says _____

Conclusion: In conclusion, _____