

HERNÁNDO CORTÉS

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THE EARLY LIFE OF HERNANDO CORTES



- Lived 1485-1547
- Cortes was born in Extremadura, Spain
- Moved to Santo Domingo in 1504

FIGHTING FOR GOVERNOR

- Fought for the governor of Diego Velazquez in a Cuban expedition that began in 1511
- Velazquez selected him to lead an expedition, but then unselected him
- Hernando disobeyed the rules and went with his men.



SAILING ALONG THE COAST OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

- Found first Spanish settlement México, La Villa Rica de Vera Cruz
- Appointed to town council
- Gave him the title of captain general and the authority under Spanish law to conquer México



CORTES ARRIVAL IN MEXICO



- Took more than two years for Hernando to conquer Mexico
- He made associates with the Indian leader/Tribe

WAR OF AZTECS AND CORTÉS

- In August, 1519
- Cortes marched to Tenochtitlan the capital of the Aztecs Empire
- The Indians volunteered to help Cortes fight the Aztecs



VICTORY OVER THE AZTECS



- Cortes had defeated the Aztecs
- At first Montezuma refused to meet Cortes
- In November, 1519 Montezuma allowed Spain to enter Tenochtitlan

ANOTHER ATTACK

- In December, 1520 Cortes planned another attack on Tenochtitlan
- Cortes wanted to attack their new leader, Cuauhtémoc
- Tenochtitlan fell August 13, 1521
- Cortes tortured Cuauhtémoc to find the Aztecs gold but never told
- Cortes hung Cuauhtémoc in 1525 for not telling the secrets



THE THREE G'S OF EXPLORATIONS

- Gold
 - Spanish wanted gold; French found none but did trade for valuable fur (French gold)
- Gold
 - Find Fame
- Gospel
 - Wanted to spread Catholicism



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