

Guided Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, section 1 "Spanish Conquests in the Americas"

Directions: As you read, please identify whether or not each statement is true or false. Then, provide evidence from the text (use quotation marks and include the page number) as well as a written explanation for your decision.

Christopher Columbus is credited with calling Native Americans "Indians."	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
The conquistadors sought adventure, above all else.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
Christopher Columbus' voyage paved the way for European expansion into North and South America.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
The most important things that Hernan Cortes used to defeat the Aztecs were the muskets and cannons he brought from Europe.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
Francisco Pizarro defeated the Incan Empire, and executed its leader.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
The goal of the priests who came with the Spanish conquistadors was to expand the faith of Christianity into the "New World."	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
The methods the Spanish and Portuguese used to control Native peoples could be considered humane and generous.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	
Native peoples were unable to stage effective resistance to the European explorers.	True/False
<i>Evidence:</i>	

These questions should take a half page each to answer: 1.) How does the story of the conquistadors support Diamond's thesis? Connect to all 3 components of Diamond's thesis. If you get stuck on this you can watch the second episode of Guns Germs and Steel for assistance. 2.) How was Pizzaro an agent of change in history?