**Direct Causes = 3 G’s**

- **Political:** Become a world power through gaining wealth and land. *(GLORY)*
- **Economic:** Search for new trade routes with direct access to Asian/African luxury goods would enrich individuals and their nations *(GOLD)*
- **Religious:** spread Christianity and weaken Middle Eastern Muslims. *(GOD)*

The 3 motives reinforce each other.
Desire fueled innovations in sea science

The moveable sail (from Arabia)

The Astrolabe (a rough measurement of latitude)

The Sextant (more accurate lat. measurement)
Spain and Portugal: Earliest
Portugal led in navigation technologies
Prince Henry the Navigator (School)
Spain wanted to trade and dominate
Shorter, safer, cheaper route to Asia
Isabella loves Ferdinand = United

Bartholomeo Diaz travels to bottom of Africa
Vasco de Gamma makes it to India and back

Christopho Columbo looked for shortest route
Goes WEST to head EAST
Spanish Efforts

Cultural Exploitation

Bringing Xnty and Spanish culture to savages

Behind the warriors were the priests

Warriors = Cortez, Pizzaro, Coronado

Conquistadors and Encomienda

Aztecs/Incas etc devastated.

Priests = Jesuits

Unimaginable wealth

Silver and gold

New warehouse ships (galleons) designed

Portuguese = Cabral Sugar plantations in Brazil with slaves from Africa
1. Spanish practice of securing an adequate and cheap labor supply = **FEUDALISM**
   - “granted” to deserving subjects of the King

2. Conquistador controlled Indian populations
   - Required Indians to pay tribute from their lands
   - Indians often rendered personal services as well.

3. In return the conquistador was obligated to
   - protect his wards
   - instruct them in the Christian faith
   - defend their right to use the land to live off the land

4. Encomienda system eventually decimated Indian population.

5. The King prevented the encomienda with the **New Laws** (1542) supported by de Las Casas, the system gradually died out.
I. Spain’s Tribute Colonies

A. A New American World

1. *Encomiendas* = feudalism brought to the New World

- 250,000 Spanish to New world by 1650
- Debate over treatment of the Native Americans
- Large mixing of the races
  - *Mestizo* = (Spanish-Indian)
  - *Mulatto* = ((Spanish/African)
  - *Zambo* = (Indian- African)
- ”Casta System” = Different legal rules for different social/racial classes
I. Spain’s Tribute Colonies

B. The Columbian Exchange = A complete altering of the environment the world over.

1. Diseases
   1. Small Pox, influenza, measles, yellow fever
   2. 90% decimation

2. Plants and animals
The Columbian Exchange

New World

- Gold And Silver
- Corn, Potatoes, Pineapples, tomatoes, tobacco, beans, vanilla, chocolate
- Syphilis
- Wheat, Sugar, rice, coffee
- Horses, cows, pigs
- Smallpox, measles, bubonic plague, influenza, typhus, diphtheria, scarlet fever
- Slave Labor

Old World

Africa
**Columbian Exchange** or the transfer of goods involved 3 continents, Americas, Europe and Africa

- Squash
- Turkey
- Cocoa
- Peanut
- Avocado
- Pumpkin
- Pineapple
- Tomato
- Peppers
- Tobacco
- Cassava
- Vanilla
- Sweet Potatoes
- Quinine
- POTATO
- MAIZE
- Syphillis
- Olive
- Coffee Beans
- Turnip
- Peach
- Pear
- Sheep
- Typhus
- Whooping Cough
- Banana
- Honeybee
- Sugar Cane
- Wheat
- Pig
- Measles
- Rice
- Barley
- Oats
- HORSE
- Smallpox
- Malaria

Columbian Exchange involved the transfer of goods or the transfer of goods between 3 continents: Americas, Europe, and Africa.