

New World Empires

1. Three American
Empires in Comparison:

Aztec, Incan, Spanish



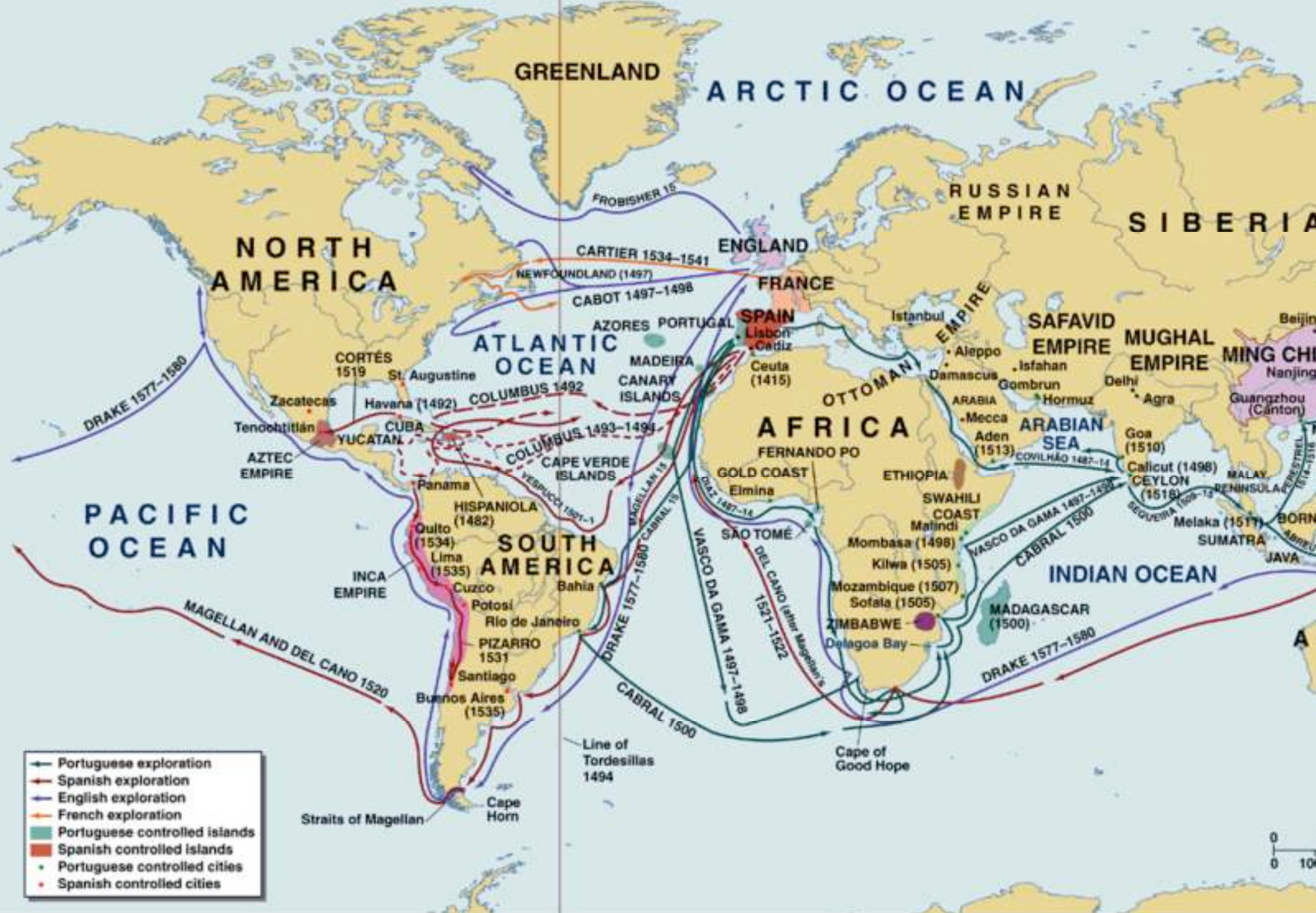
Tenochtitlán
(Mexico City),
the capital of the
Aztec Empire,
was built on a
huge island

Agriculture on the outskirts of Tenochtitlán



The Incan fortress at Machu Picchu



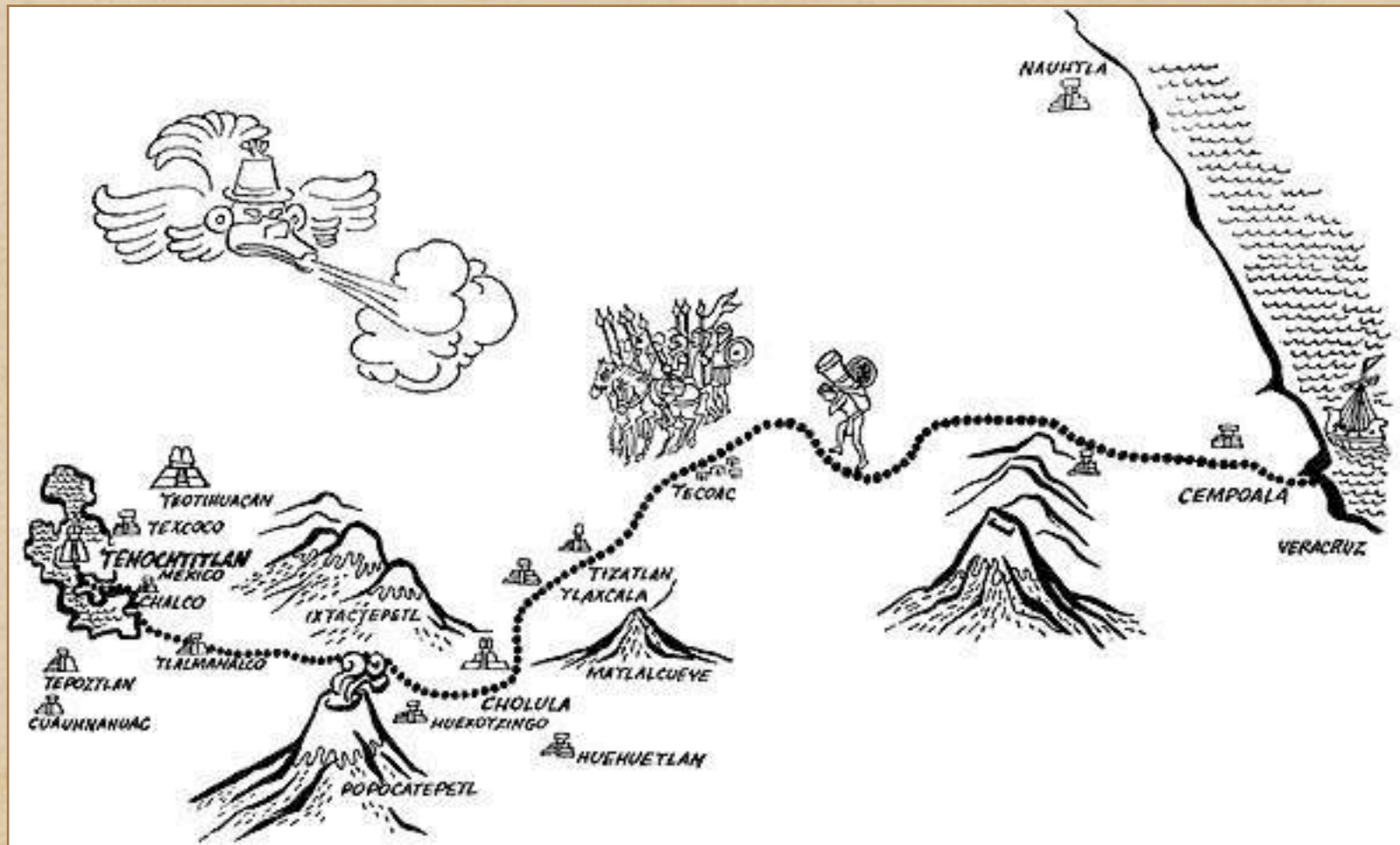


MAP 3-2 EUROPEAN EXPLORATION, 1420-1580

2. The Spanish Conquest

Guns, Disease, Religion, Silver, Labor

The Path of the Conquest



An idealized Spanish portrayal of the Battle of Tenochtitlán



An portrayal of the Battle of Tenochtitlán based on Aztec oral sources



Smallpox, the silent ally



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“And before the Spaniards had risen against us, a pestilence first came to be prevalent: the smallpox. . . . it spread over the people as great destruction. Some it quite covered [with pustules] on all parts—their faces, their heads, their breasts, etc. There was great havoc. Very many died of it. They could not walk; they only lay in their resting places and beds. They could not move; they could not stir. they could not change position, nor lie on one side, nor face down, nor on their backs. And if they stirred, much did they cry out. Great was its destruction.” (transcription from native sources)

Franciscans blessing the Conquest



encomienda:

a kind of provisional trusteeship held in the name of the Spanish king, sometimes turned into private estates by encomienderos who administered Amerindian communities, collecting tribute and meting out justice. They tended to clash with missionaries' ideals of creating autonomous Amerindian communities

Conscripted Indians working a silver mine



Spanish galleons shipping silver from the Pacific coast of Mexico





repartimiento & mita:

a system of conscripted labor

(repartimiento in México, mita in Peru)

that required town authorities to maintain
lists of adult males to be drafted for work
in mines, workshops, and fields

3. Biological Exchange

The Birth of Nachos
and
the Spread of Syphilis

	<i>Forms of Biological Life Going From:</i>	
	Old World to New World:	New World to Old World:
Diseases:	Smallpox Measles Chicken Pox Malaria Yellow Fever Influenza The Common Cold	Syphilis
Animals:	Horses Cattle Pigs Sheep Goats Chickens	Turkeys Llamas Alpacas Guinea Pigs
Plants:	Rice Wheat Barley Oats Coffee Sugarcane Bananas Melons Olives Dandelions Daisies Clover Ragweed Kentucky Bluegrass	Corn (Maize) Potatoes (White & Sweet Varieties) Beans (Snap, Kidney, & Lima Varieties) Tobacco Peanuts Squash Peppers Tomatoes Pumpkins Pineapples Cacao (Source of Chocolate) Chicle (Source of Chewing Gum) Papayas Manioc (Tapioca) Guavas Avocados