Ms. Dobbs HWH U3: Exploration: Spanish & Portuguese (15, 2)

**Ruling the Spanish Empire:**

* Land from California to South America
	+ Split into 4 provinces
* Provinces ruled by viceroys (like governor) / had others to help
	+ Council of the Indies looked over all areas
* Christianity played big role – Catholic
	+ Missionaries try to convert natives
	+ Church authority grew
	+ Natives forced into religion & European culture
* Strict control over trade – colonies only trade w/Spain
	+ Silver & gold = major resource & lots of money for Spain
	+ Sugar cane became big cash crop ($ maker)
		- Set up plantation system
* Encomienda – forced labor from natives / used for farming, mining, etc…
	+ Brutal conditions – beat, killed, diseases, starvation…
	+ Decline in native population
	+ Priests against this - De Las Casas condemned it & wrote to king to stop it
		- New laws outlawed native slavery/abuse
		- Natives became peons – workers / performed labor to payoff “debts”
* Eventually turned to African workers/slavery by 1530s
	+ Urged by de Las Cases (later regretted this)
	+ Furthered the slave trade
	+ Sugar demand led to need for more slaves/workers
	+ African slave population eventually outnumbered Europeans

**Colonial Society & Structure:**

* Blended cultures AKA cultural diffusion!!!
	+ New social structure created
	+ New foods, animals, styles, arts, religions
* Social classes
	+ Peninsulares – Spanish born people
	+ Creoles – born in America w/ Spanish born parents
	+ Mestizos – native + European mix
	+ Mulattoes – African + European mix
	+ Natives & Africans at bottom
* Education important
	+ Wanted educated priests
	+ Built universities – only men could attend
	+ If women wanted education they had to join a convent

**Portuguese & Brazil:**

* Settling Brazil
	+ Native population way ↓ bc of diseases from Europeans
	+ Land grants to Portuguese nobles
	+ Economy based on cattle, cash crops, harvesting brazil wood
	+ Used plantation system – forced labor (natives) & African slavery
		- Blended cultures
	+ Strict control of trade – only trade with Portugal
	+ Others (English, Dutch, French…) jealous of their power/wealth & wanted resources
		- Smuggled goods & robbed ships using pirates
		- Privateers – government approved/backed pirates