J. Pablo Silva Fall Semester 2013

History 100.4 Making History: The Spanish Conquest of America

Introduction and Overview (week 1 & 2)

Friday, 30 August **What's So Hard About History?**
Columbus' Letter. I will email this to you.

Monday, 2 September **What Makes History a Discipline?**
Arnold, Chapter 1.

Wednesday, 4 September **How has History Changed?**
Arnold, Chapter 2 & 3.
Public Showing of *A Midwife's Tale* is on Thursday, 5 September, in ARH 302 at 7 pm.

Friday, 6 September **Which Sources? Which Approaches?**
Arnold, Chapter 4 & 5.
See Midwife's Tale by today, begin paper.

Monday, 9 September **How Do We Read sources?**
Arnold, Chapter 6 & 7.

Wednesday, 11 September **How Do Historians Pull It All Together?**
Discuss Movie.

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Wednesday, 18 September **What did different Spaniards think of it?**

1. Antonio Montesinos, "Advent Sermon," 1511.
2. Royal Response to the Sermon of Antonio Montesinos, 1512.
3. Palacios Rubios, "The Requirement," or Requerimiento, 1512.

All Combined in one PDF on Blackboard.

Friday, 20 September **What did different Spaniards think of it?**

1. Laws of Burgos, 1512-13.
2. General Repartimiento of 1514. On Blackboard.

Week 4

Monday, 23 September **What's the Big Picture on the Spaniards?**

1. Alonso de Zuazo. "State of the Indies."
2. Fernández de Oviedo on the Conquistadores. On Blackboard.

Wednesday, 25 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 47-107.

Friday, 27 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 108-152, 163-180.

Section 2. Mexico (weeks 5-6)

Week 5

Monday, 30 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 183-259.

Wednesday, 2 October **How Did the Conquest of Mexico Draw on the Caribbean?**

Thomas, 183-259, 287-323.

Friday, 4 October **How Did the Conquest of Mexico Draw on the Caribbean?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 29-78.

Week 6

Monday, 7 October **Who Were the Players in Mexico?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 79-126.

Wednesday, 9 October **How Did Cortes Proceed?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 127-181.

Friday, 11 October **How Did the Conquest Come About?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 182-243.

Section 3. Peru (weeks 7-8)

Week 7

Monday, 14 October **What Do Historians Debate About This?**

Carrasco, "The Return of Quetzalcoatl," on e-reserve.
Gillespie, "The Creation of Topiltzin Quetzalcoatl," on e-reserve.
Document Paper Due. **Note the New Date.**

Wednesday, 16 October **What Do Historians Debate About This?**

Brooks, Motecuzoma, Cortes, and Bernal Diaz.