**IV. Spanish Conquistadors**

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* **Conquistadors –**
* Sailed for the three “G’s”
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  + **3)**

1. Ponce de Leon

* From Spain and sailed for Spain
* **1493 –**
* Explored, claimed, and named Florida for Spain
* Searched for the Fountain of Youth

1. Hernando Cortes

* From Spain and sailed for Spain
* Cortes is responsible for conquering the Aztec Empire
* Aztecs had huge amounts of gold and silver
* Aztecs believed that Cortes was a God at first
* **Montezuma –**
* Disease (major reason), horses, and guns allowed Cortes to conquer the Aztecs
* Aztecs had not developed the bow and arrow

1. Francisco Pizarro

* From Spain and sailed for Spain
* Pizarro conquered the mighty Inca Empire
* Incas also had huge stockpiles of gold and silver
* Spanish amassed 11 tons of gold and 25 tons of silver

1. Francisco Coronado

* From Spain and sailed for Spain
* **Seven Cities of Cibola –**
* First European to view the Grand Canyon

1. Sir Francis Drake

* England was jealous of the wealth that Spain had acquired
* **Sea Dog –**
* Elizabeth I knighted Drake for his accomplishments as a pirate
* Second person to sail around the world
* **1588 –**
* Philip wanted to punish English Sea Dogs and punish English Protestants
* Spain was believed to have the best navy in the world
* Smaller English ships combined with a freak storm helped the English defeat the Spanish Armada
* Only 18 ships returned to Spain
* England begins its reign as master of the seas – Becomes the dominate navel power in the world until World War I