

2.3 Spain in America

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READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- How were the Spanish able to defeat mighty Native American empires?
- How did stories of the “Seven Cities of Cibola” affect Spanish exploration?
- Whom did Las Casas try to protect?

KEY TERMS: Define each term’s meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- conquistador
- tribute
- pueblo
- mission
- presidio
- *encomienda*
- plantation