Section 2 Guided Reading and Review

Remaking the Americas (textbook pp. 397–400)



A. Main Ideas

As you read Section 2, answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. To the Spanish, what goal was as important as gaining land in the Americas?

2. How did Spain control the economic activities of its colonies?

3. Why did Las Casas urge colonists to import slaves from Africa?

4. Why did the Spanish colonists build universities in the Americas?

5. Give three examples of ways in which the Spanish, Native Americans, and Africans contributed to one another's cultures.

6. What natural resources and industries did the Portuguese exploit in Brazil?

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Briefly explain how the terms in each of the following groups are related.

- 7. plantation, encomienda
- 8. peon, peninsular, creole, mestizo, mulatto

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