**Contact, Conflict, and Consequences**

**Age of Exploration**

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**Preamble**

As you know, every action has a consequence, but did you realize that there are different types of consequences? Have you ever thought about the consequences of your actions? Consequence can be as follows:

* Short-term
* Long-term
* Positive
* Negative
* Intended
* Unintended

Causes, moreover, can also in combination together. For example, an action can be positive and intended in the short-term, but can have some negative unintended consequences in the long-term. Part of thinking critically, with purpose, is to make well-thought out decisions that look at different possible ‘outcome’ or consequences. You will never be able to predict them all, but you can be surer of potential consequences with a bit of thought.

Causes of the conflict, as well, can be multifaceted and require some thought to think of motivations and points of view. Remember, historical understanding means we try to understand the differing perspectives of the past.

Components are the details that lead to a conflict. This is the ‘nitty gritty’ of understanding, as we come to understand the facts of the historical events.

**Assignment**

As you learn about European exploration and contact with the Aztec, Maya, and Inca, start thinking about the possible consequences, especially due to the conflicts that arose. As you read and listen to the videos, fill in the chart in point form, neatly and with depth.

**Assessment /18**

You will be assessed for depth, accuracy, and logic

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|  | **Causes of Conflict** | **Components (Devil in the Details)** | **Consequences (what types are evident and why?)** |
| **AZTEC** |  |  |  |
| **MAYA** |  |  |  |
| **INCA** |  |  |  |