

Unit 1 Progress Check: FRQ Part A

Name _____

1. In your response, be sure to address all parts of the question. Use complete sentences; an outline or bulleted list alone is not acceptable.

“Several women came to this province of the Río de la Plata [in South America] along with its first governor Don Pedro de Mendoza, and it was my fortune to be one of them. On reaching the port of Buenos Aires, our expedition contained 1,500 men, but food was scarce, and the hunger was such that within three months 1,000 of them died. . . . The men became so weak that all of the tasks fell on the poor women, washing the clothes as well as nursing the men, preparing them the little food there was, keeping them clean, standing guard, patrolling the fires, loading the crossbows when the Indians came sometimes to do battle, [and] even firing the cannon. . . . Your highness will readily believe that our contributions were such that if it had not been for us, all would have perished. . . .

“I wanted to write this and bring it to your highness’s attention to let you know how ungratefully I have been treated . . . because recently most of [the land] was distributed among the Spaniards here, . . . and I was left out without being given the service of a single Indian. . . . So I beg you to order that my encomienda be granted to me in perpetuity.”

Isabel de Guevara, wife of a Spanish conquistador, petition to the Spanish monarch, 1556

Using the excerpt, answer (a) and (b).

Briefly describe ONE claim made in the excerpt.

Briefly describe ONE historical development illustrated by the excerpt.



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"I have long since learned who you Spanish are through others of you who came years ago to my land; and I already know very well what your customs and behavior are like. To me you are professional vagabonds who wander from place to place, gaining your livelihood by robbing, sacking, and murdering people who have given you no offense. I want no manner of friendship or peace with people such as you, but instead prefer mortal and perpetual hostility. . . . I promise to maintain war upon you so long as you wish to remain in my land. . . .

"I am king in my land, and it is unnecessary for me to become the subject of a person who has no more subjects than I. I regard men as vile and contemptible when they subject themselves to the yoke of someone else when they could instead live as free men. . . . I do not wish to know what your sovereign demands. . . . All of you should go away as quickly as you can if you do not want to perish at my hands."

Chief of the Acuera Indians of present-day Florida, Spanish account of his response after the conquistador Hernando de Soto demanded his obedience to the Spanish king, 1539

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