

The Shocks of European Colonization

From 1492 to 1608, a new era, called "The age of discovery," had evolved into a full blown conquest for the unknown. Explorers explored the unknown in the uncharted sea with their crew and boats in search for the unknown. This innocent quest for the unknown grew fatal when greed interceded in their discoveries. During this age of discovery, Europeans invaded the "New World," cruelly enforced it's culture upon the Indian culture and used Africans rudely and unjustly in slave trading.

When Christopher Columbus discovered the new world, little did he know that he would begin an eternal deterioration to the Indian culture. Indians had an extremely rich culture because of being native to the Americas for centuries. The Incas and the Azteks made empires based on gold. These Indians had a plethora of gold but explorers such as Cortez of Spain who saw this brought back stories of an overabundance of gold. As a result, conquistadores invaded the Americas, killing and rampaging the azteks. They also spread deadly diseases to the Indians who had a deficient immune system in contrast to those of Europeans. Not only did these outrages happen to these two cultures, but this happened to the North American Indians. Englishman pushed Indians out of their homes and set up their own society.

The Africans brought over from Africa did not do so great either. Portuguese pioneered the market for African slave trade and Africans have suffered ever since. Due to an inadequate immune system, many Africans were killed. By 1619, the first africans stepped foot on America. By 1672, slave trading had gone out of control. Merchants captured 200 or more Africans, hauled them on ships, and packed them in like sardines to ship to the Americas where they would be auctioned off then forced to a life of being a slave. In America, they had no legal rights because they were considered property.

The Africans and Indians were both victims of Europeans. Horrible atrocities were committed to them and both suffered horribly.