

## **GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL - PROGRAM 2: CONQUEST**

The **BIG QUESTION**: How were 168 Spanish *conquistadors* able to defeat a mighty army of 80,000 and take over the Inca Empire of South America? Provide at least three examples from the dvd to support your answer. (HINT: The answer starts with understanding how where you live affects how you live...)

Answer the following questions in the space provided. Use examples and facts to support your answer.

1. List four ways that *domestic* animals were used in Europe. According to the video, what was the most important use of these animals? Explain how *domestic* animals allowed Europeans to develop civilizations more quickly.
2. What part of the world **first** developed the *technology* for making steel? How did Europeans acquire this *technology*? Explain why Native Americans didn't have this *technology*.
3. What did writing and the development of the *printing press* allow Europeans to do more effectively? Explain how the spread of accurate information is crucial to developing *technology*. Provide an example from the dvd of how writing helped the Spanish defeat the Incas.
4. Explain why *domesticated* plants and animals could be easily shared throughout Europe and Asia, but NOT between North and South America. Explain WHY was this an advantage for the Spanish and a disadvantage for the Incas.
5. How did the Spanish acquire horses? What were three (3) advantages the horse gave the *conquistadors* over the Incas?

6. What invisible weapon brought by the Europeans dramatically weakened the native peoples of the *New World*? Where did these “little nasty bugs” originally come from?
7. Explain how the Europeans developed immunity to the diseases that would decimate the people in the *New World*. Why didn't the Native Americans have immunity to these same diseases?
8. What percentage (estimated) of natives in the *New World* died from *Old World* diseases?
9. How many tons of gold and silver did the *conquistadors* take from the Incas? Estimate how much money you believe this amount of gold would be worth today (modern times) – take an educated guess!
10. How were 168 Spanish *conquistadors* able to defeat a mighty army of 80,000 and take over the Inca Empire of South America? Provide at least three examples from the dvd to support your answer.