

4. Use the two passages below and your knowledge of world history to answer all parts of the question that follows.

Source 1:

“The voyages of Columbus in 1492 can rightly be said to have begun the discovery and settlement of the New World, as scores of European migrants settled open lands in the Americas and constructed exclaves of Europe on distant shores that lacked much sense of advanced civilization before their arrival. Their task was the settlement and development of wide open continents.”

Edgar Smith, 1995

Source 2:

“While the bounty of the New World enriched the whole world through trade and transmission once it was finally connected to the Old World in 1492, this bounty came at the cost of the blood of its inhabitants. Europeans neither ‘discovered’ nor ‘settled’ the Americas for humans had done just that for thousands of years before the arrival of the Spaniards. Instead, the Europeans conquered the Americas for God, gold, and glory.”

Rodrigo Vizcaya, 2008

- a) Identify and explain ONE piece of historical evidence that would support Smith’s interpretation of Europe’s interaction with the Americas.
- b) Identify and explain ONE piece of historical evidence that would support Vizcaya’s interpretation of Europe’s interaction with the Americas.
- c) From the two evaluations above, select the one that, in your opinion, is more accurate to the actual nature of Europe’s interaction with the Americas. Briefly explain your choice using additional evidence beyond that used to answer (a) or (b).

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