

Ferdinand and Isabella unite Spain behind Catholicism



Spanish Maritime Empire



Cortes conquers the Aztecs



Tenochtitlan (Aztec capital)



Pizarro conquers the Incas



Cuzco (Incan capital)



Encomienda System



Mita System



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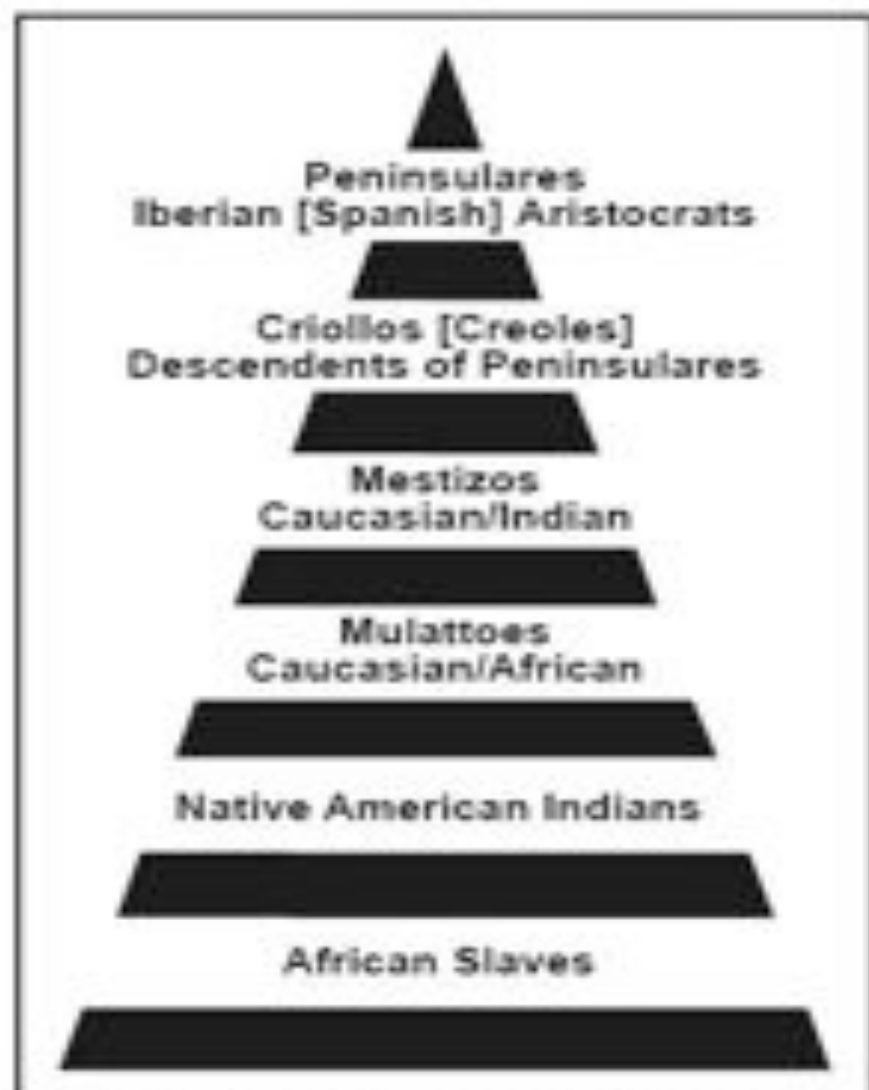
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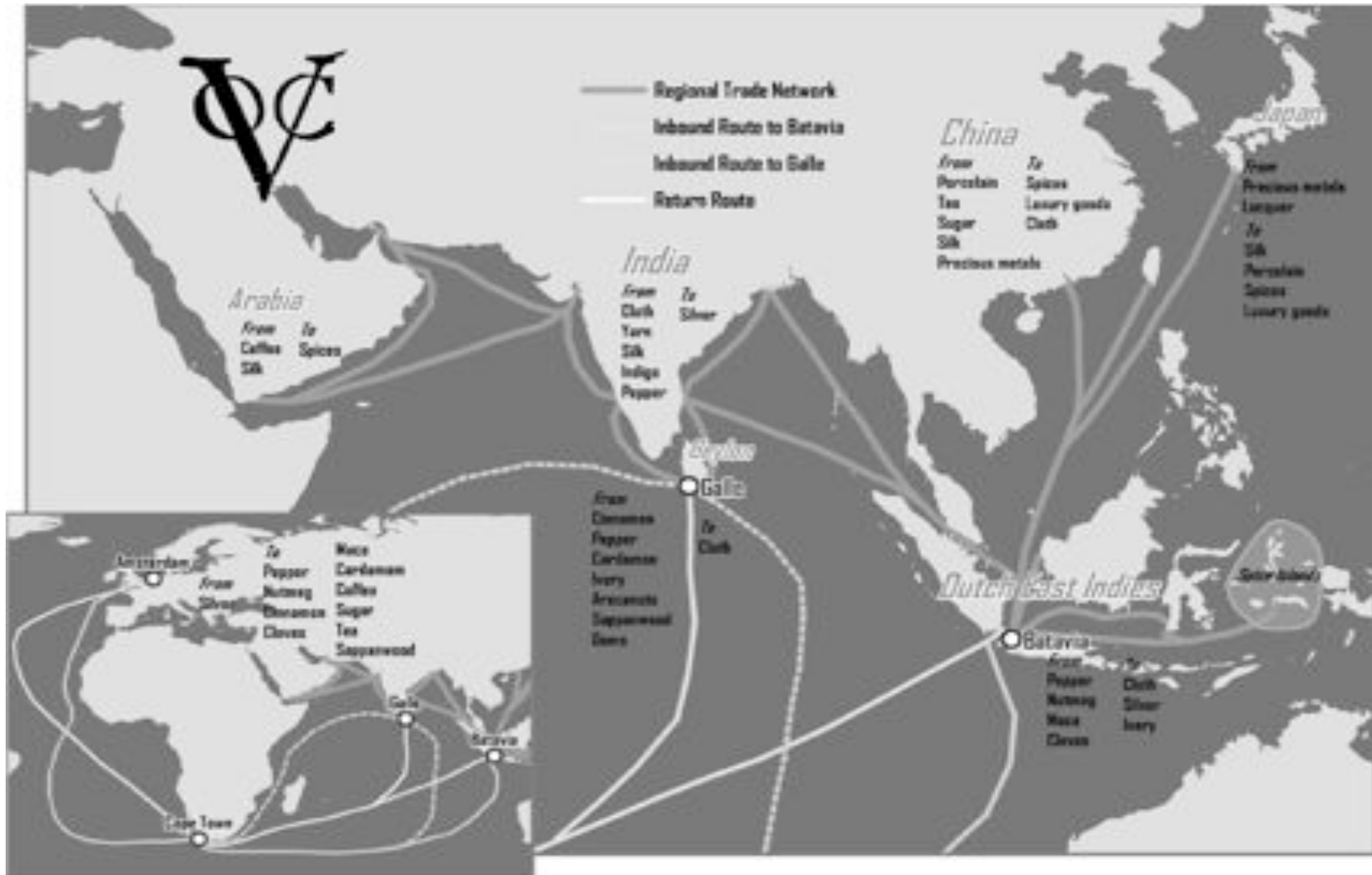
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- Indigenous population
- Slaves

Social Classes in Spanish Colonies



Source: John Osborne et al., *Global Studies*,
N & N Publishing (adapted)

Dutch East India Company



Triangle Trade



Mercantilism

- An economic system in which raw materials are used to produce manufactured goods in the mother country and then sold back to the colony for a favorable balance of trade

Mercantilism



Important to note:

- Mercantilism was used by the English and the Dutch
- The Spanish did not use the system of mercantilism