The Impact of European Exploration on the Americas

Student Name_________________________________

Class _______

Theme: Conflict, Adversity and Change
Directions:
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Historical Background:
Though accidental, it was Columbus’s discovery of the New World that catapulted Europe into the Age of Exploration. For various reasons, the competition to explore and colonize America caused significant social, political and economic changes between the 15th and 17th centuries.

Task:
Using information from the documents and your knowledge of history, answer the questions that follow each document in Part A. Your answers to the questions will help you to write the Part B essay, in which you will be asked to:

- Describe three changes that occurred in America as a result of European exploration and colonization
- Explain whether or not each of these changes had a positive or negative impact on the Americas

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2. Using the map, explain TWO negative exchanges that took place during the Age of Exploration. (2 points)

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Document 2a-b
3. According to the text document above, what was native life like before the Europeans came to America? (2 points)

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4. Explain what native life was like after the Europeans came to America. (2 points)

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5. Based on the line graph, identify what happened to the Native American population in the years of European exploration? (1 point)

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6. Between which years is the most drastic change in the Native American population in Mexico? (1 point)

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7. What does the graph above illustrate about European settlement in the Americas? (1 point)

8. What was the destination of most enslaved Africans between 1500-1870? (1 point)
9. What was Bartolome de Las Casas witnessing in America? (1 point)

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10. What economic reason did Las Casas give for the Spanish destruction of more than forty million people? (1 point)
11. Based on this document, explain what change was taking place in the Pima tribe? (2 points)

“...I have been able, through the celestial favors of the heavenly saints, to wash about three hundred Indians in the holy water of baptism... God willing, hundreds, and later, thousands will be gathered into the most holy Mother Church... In this charge where I am working, a mission [has] been established, and many very suitable rooms of a house [have] been built. We are now occupied in the building of a new church, with the help of some soldiers, and its walls have... happily arisen to a height of several feet.”

-From a letter written by Father Kino, June 30, 1687.
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