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# Spanish conquest of the Americas

(c.1492–c.1572)

## Student Research Guide

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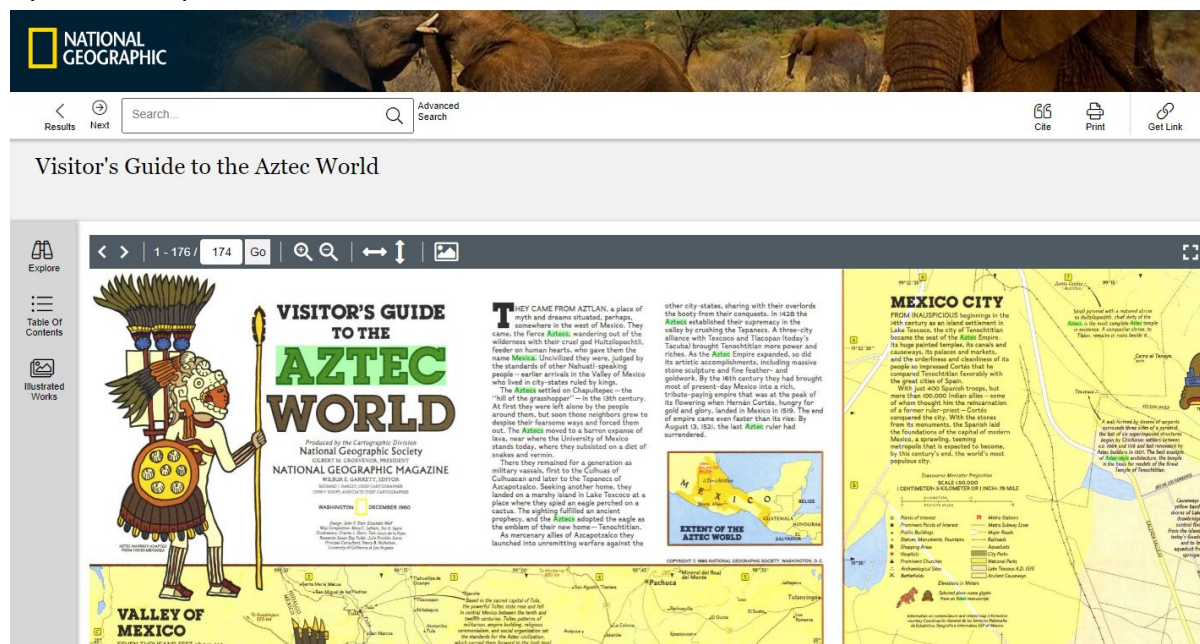
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The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Teens interface. At the top, there's a header with the Britannica logo, '250', and 'Britannica Library Teens'. Below this is a large illustration depicting the Spanish conquest of the Americas, featuring a conquistador on a horse, a Native American with a large feathered headdress, and another Native American with a bow and arrow. The main title 'colonization of the Americas' is prominently displayed. A sidebar on the left lists various topics: Introduction, Spain's American Empire, Portugal in America, The English Colonies, The French Colonies, New Netherland, and New Sweden. The main content area shows the 'Introduction' section of the article, which begins with the text: 'During the 15th century, the European countries of Spain and Portugal began sending ships on expeditions to find new trade routes to Asia. An'.

[JSTOR](#) is an excellent resource for finding primary sources on the Spanish conquest of the Americas.

The screenshot shows the JSTOR search results page. On the left, there's a search filter sidebar with options for 'SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS', 'CONTENT TYPE', 'Primary source content', 'IMAGE RESOLUTION', 'DATE', and 'CLASSIFICATION'. The main area displays a grid of search results. The first row includes 'Motul Maya dictionary', 'Hours of Queen Isabell...', 'Blackware Animal Effig...', 'Blackware Animal effig...', and 'Interior of a reconstr...'. The second row includes 'Machu Picchu', 'Machu Picchu', 'Three Windows Temple', 'post-Conquest stone wall', and 'Red on white moldmade ...'. Each result is accompanied by a small thumbnail image and a download icon.

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