

Sepulveda or LasCasas: What path should Spanish colonization take in the Americas?

Intro:

Show the PowerPoint to introduce the documents. The two men Sepulveda and Las Casas are also introduced.

Step 2:

Analyze documents in groups of 4. Students answer the questions on the four square. Sepulveda is Folder A. Las Casas is Folder B.

Step 3:

After analyzing the documents, students will “trash-out” the documents. Have students pick a plan and separate by sides in the room. Then spend about 10-15 minutes having the students support their opinion making sure they use the documents to support their opinion.

Closing:

Students will write one paragraph answering this question after analyzing the documents.

- Thesis: Answer the question and include the reason.

-Example: The path Spain should take in colonizing the Americas is to follow

Sepulveda’s plan. The path Spain should take in colonizing the Americas is to follow Las Casas plan.

- Evidence: Include examples from the documents already analyzed. Make sure to include the document citation.

-Example: Sepulveda (document, picture, graph) Las Casas (document, picture, graph)

- Argument: Explain how the evidence chosen supports the thesis.

-Example: The Indians are savages and uncivilized. They are inferior. The only way to get through them is to force them to hard labor or kill them.