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The Spanish Conquest

The first horses were transported by Christopher Columbus in 1493 on his second voyage to the Americas.

Another explorer named Hernando Cortez entered the Americas from the South in the early 1500's.

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With the use of horses, the conquistadors consequently overtook the Aztec Empire in 1521 and named the land New Spain. We know the territory now as Mexico.

The Spanish heritage of Mexico plays an important role to the Vaquero way of life and methods of horsemanship. The Spanish adaptation of horse training tools and saddles are still used today.

The spur was an invention made for helping cowboys. Brought into the Americas by the first Spanish explorers, they were often very personal pieces of equipment that were hand made to meet the specific needs of the horse rider.



How many sets of spurs can you find in the Hall of Fame galleries?

Over time the large rowel (the round wheel-like part) has changed in size and shape, but spurs are still similarly used as horse training and riding aids today.



What famous brand is under the Hall of Fame Medallion in the Grand Hall? _____

As the Spanish moved north, they encountered Indians. Indians had never seen horses before the Spanish brought them.

Many horses over the history of the new territory had been traded, lost, or stolen. Mixing of the wild Spanish breeds and European bloodlines was a common occurrence.

Many traits were deemed hardy in the Spanish horses and were eventually bred into more pure bloodlines to aid in the creation of the most versatile horse of them all....the American Quarter Horse.



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Conquistadors used horses to travel and to conquer territories.

Special stirrups made from various metals were used to protect their feet from rough terrain and other elements as they explored the New World.



Name two different types of saddles that also have different adapted stirrups.

_____ and _____

The Spanish Conquistadors had to feed and water their horses just like we do today. They depended on their horses for survival so they had to take excellent care of them.

What items can a horse eat?

How many gallons of water does it drink each day? _____

Around the year _____ the Indians rose up against the Spanish, took back their lands, and mastered the Spanish horses. These horses are known to us now as the wild _____.

This Hall of Fame horse's name means "whither thou goest" in Spanish.

These leg coverings originated with the Spanish and Mexican vaqueros and were worn for warmth and protection when working cattle.

What are they? _____

This Hall of Fame member inducted in 1994, displays these leather coverings and grew up on his family's original ranch named La Puente? _____

What was your favorite exhibit? Use the space below to make a sketch of your favorite exhibit to help you remember it!

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