

**Constructive Response Question**  
**Describe Spain's motivation for exploration and how Spain's economy fell apart:**



**The Age of Exploration**  
**Outcome: The Spanish Empire Weakens**

**1. Setting the Stage: Charles V**



- a. \_\_\_\_\_ King, Charles V, inherited \_\_\_\_\_, Spain's American colonies, parts of \_\_\_\_\_, lands in \_\_\_\_\_ and the Netherlands.
- b. Was elected \_\_\_\_\_ and ruled much of Germany as well
- c. Devout \_\_\_\_\_ who sparred with Martin Luther but eventually signed the \_\_\_\_\_ which allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to have their beliefs
- d. Following Peace of Augsburg, he \_\_\_\_\_ up his territory and retired to a monastery
  - i. Brother \_\_\_\_\_ got \_\_\_\_\_ and the Holy Roman Empire
  - ii. Son \_\_\_\_\_ inherited \_\_\_\_\_, Spanish Netherlands, and American \_\_\_\_\_

**2. A Powerful Spanish Empire**

**a. Philip II**



- i. Deeply \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) and hard working
- ii. Was very \_\_\_\_\_ of most people and did not trust for long
- iii. When \_\_\_\_\_ king died without an heir, Philip seized the kingdom for Spain which included strongholds in \_\_\_\_\_, India, and the \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Spain's land brought in tons of wealth: \_\_\_\_\_ --> wealth = \_\_\_\_\_
- v. Each shipload of treasure brought in was required to give king between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of cargo which allowed Spain to have army of over 50,000 soldiers
- vi. Philip was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Catholicism
- vii. Created the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1588
  1. Huge Catholic fleet of \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Plan was to \_\_\_\_\_ under Queen Elizabeth I
  3. Fleet was defeated by English tactics and by \_\_\_\_\_



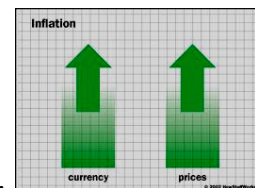
**Result:** Spain was seriously \_\_\_\_\_ by defeat of Spanish Armada but still had great \_\_\_\_\_ that would give Spain strength for a short while longer.

**3. The Spanish Empire Weakens**

a. Spain's empire would fall apart for **4 main reasons:**

**i. Inflation:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Caused by a rise in \_\_\_\_\_, thus, a rise in demand for goods allowed merchants to \_\_\_\_\_.



**ii. Taxes:**

1. Spain had expelled the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who were valuable artisans and business people (meant less was collected in \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Spain's nobles didn't have to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tax burden fell to \_\_\_\_\_ classes, which meant they stayed \_\_\_\_\_.



**Result:** Spain never developed a \_\_\_\_\_ class.

### iii. Poor spending choices

1. Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ goods were more expensive than those made elsewhere
2. Spaniards purchased goods from \_\_\_\_\_, England, \_\_\_\_\_
3. To pay for \_\_\_\_\_, Spanish kings \_\_\_\_\_ from German and Italian bankers

**Result:** Spanish wealth was not \_\_\_\_\_ within Spain, which allowed Spain's neighbors to \_\_\_\_\_. Most gold and silver that came in was shipped off to Germany and Italy to repay \_\_\_\_\_. Spain's economy is \_\_\_\_\_.

### iv. Dutch Revolt



1. The Dutch revolt in Spanish controlled \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dutch were \_\_\_\_\_ (Protestants) and Spain was \_\_\_\_\_
3. Philip raised \_\_\_\_\_ and sent troops in. Executed 1500 \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Dutch and Spanish fight for another \_\_\_\_\_ years and in 1579 the Dutch declare their \_\_\_\_\_

**Result:** At the end of the Age of Exploration, the Spanish Empire was \_\_\_\_\_ leading the way, however with their downfall, countries like \_\_\_\_\_ would be able to rise up and become the world's \_\_\_\_\_ leader.



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