

The Conquistadors

The Conquistadores were Iberian men who came to the "new world" in search of social and economic



advancement. They were generally men whom had not inherited any type of money and they saw the new world as their only option for succeeding socially and economically in their society. This desire to make money led the Conquistadores to inhumane attitudes. There were many such attitudes. One of the first things the Conquistadores would do when they were approaching an Indian village would be to yell in Spanish to bring a certain amount of gold to them or else they had the "right" to raid the village and kill and/or destroy anyone or anything. The natives would obviously not understand the message and probably did not have the gold. So,

these types of slaughters were common. The Spanish grew so accustomed to killing people that according to Spanish Priests killing became mundane to the Conquistadores.