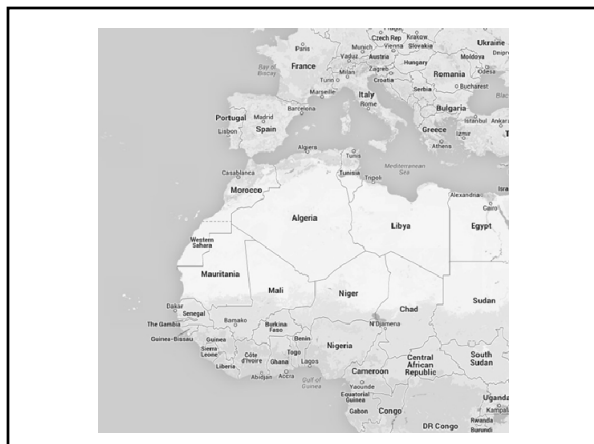
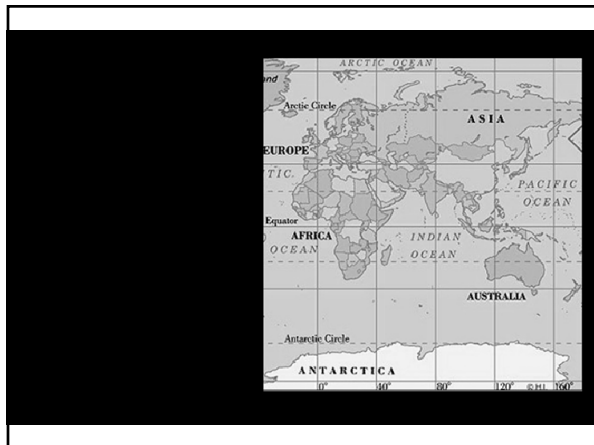


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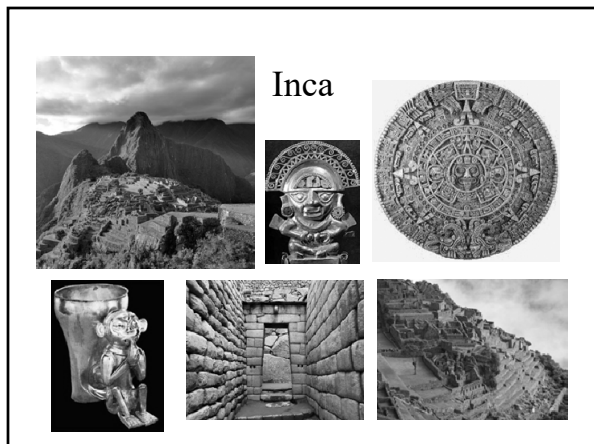
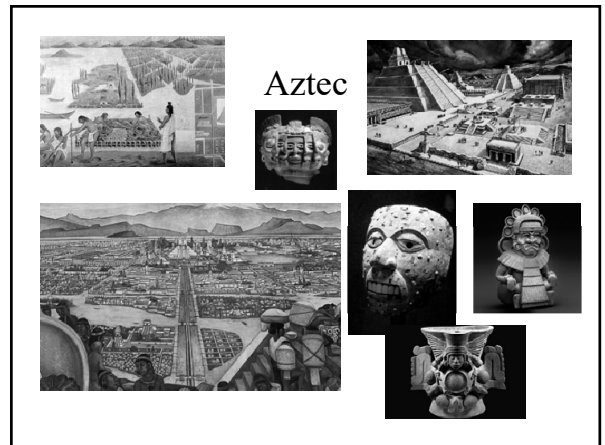
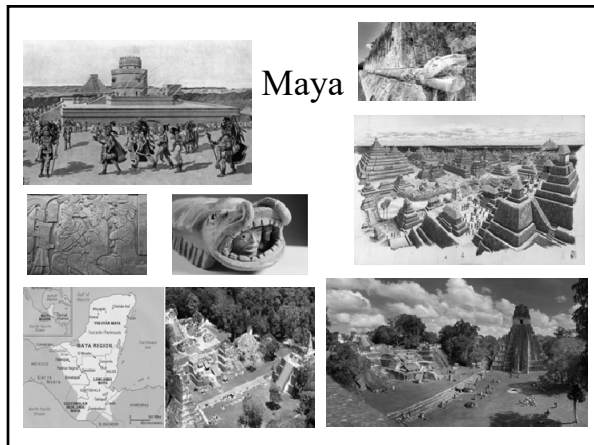
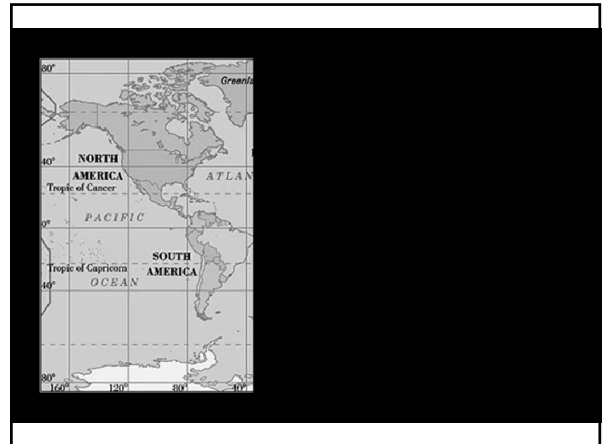
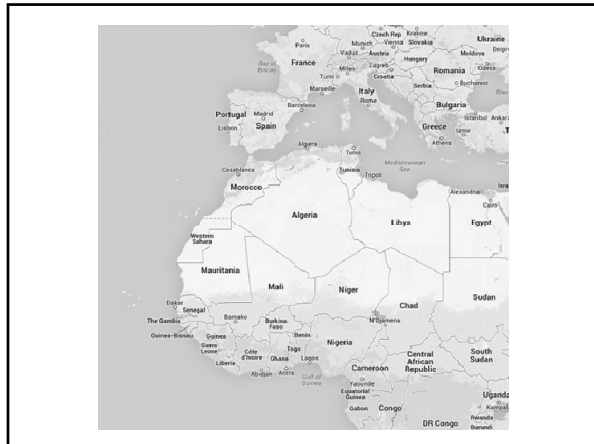
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A Brief History of Indigenous/Settler Relations in North America



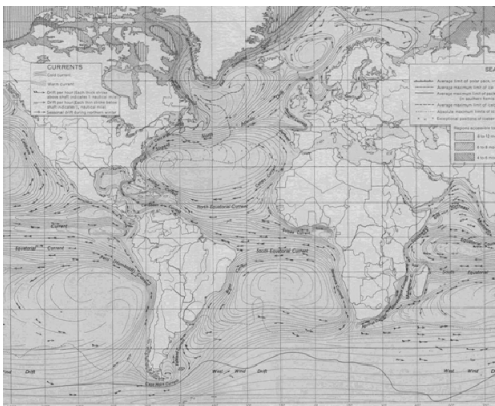
Romanus Pontifex 1455

- The Pope claims the role of spiritual ruler of the world
- The world is divided between Christians and “unbelievers” (heathens, infidels)
- Christians have rights; others do not
- The RP “donates” land to the west and south to Portugal for Christianizing, trading





Inter Caetera 1493



Making it “Legal”

- *Inter Caetera* expresses Pope’s law:
 - Only Christians can be rights holders/sovereign
 - First euro/Christian nation to “discover” has first rights (Doctrine of Discovery)
- Two other primary legal instruments in this early period:
 - *Requerimiento*
 - *Encomienda*

Requerimiento (1510)

- ... But, if you do not do this, and maliciously make delay in it, I certify to you that, with the help of God, we shall powerfully enter into your country, and shall make war against you in all ways and manners that we can, and shall subject you to the yoke and obedience of the Church and of their Highnesses; we shall take you and your wives and your children, and shall make slaves of them, and as such shall sell and dispose of them as their Highnesses may command; and we shall take away your goods, and shall do you all the mischief and damage that we can, as to vassals who do not obey, and refuse to receive their lord, and resist and contradict him; and we protest that the deaths and losses which shall accrue from this are your fault, and not that of their Highnesses, or ours, nor of these cavaliers who come with us.

Las Casas



Brief Account of the Devastation of the Indies (1542)

Yet into this sheepfold, into this land of meek outcasts there came some Spaniards who immediately behaved like ravening wild beasts, wolves, tigers, or lions that had been starved for many days. And Spaniards have behaved in no other way during the past forty years, down to the present time, for they are still acting like ravening beasts, killing, terrorizing, afflicting, torturing, and destroying the native peoples, doing all this with the strangest and most varied new methods of cruelty, never seen or heard of before, and to such a degree that this Island of Hispaniola once so populous (having a population that I estimated to be more than three million), has now a population of barely two hundred persons.

Brief Account of the Devastation of the Indies (1542)

Their reason for killing and destroying such an infinite number of souls is that the Christians have an ultimate aim, which is to acquire gold, and to swell themselves with riches in a very brief time and thus rise to a high estate disproportionate to their merits. It should be kept in mind that their insatiable greed and ambition, the greatest ever seen in the world, is the cause of their villainies. And also, those lands are so rich and felicitous, the native peoples so meek and patient, so easy to subject, that our Spaniards have no more consideration for them than beasts. And I say this from my own knowledge of the acts I witnessed. But I should not say "than beasts" for, thanks be to God, they have treated beasts with some respect; I should say instead like excrement on the public squares.

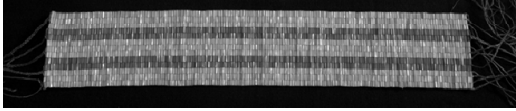
Las Casas / Sepulveda



Developing International Law

- Influence of the Pope gradually wanes
- More secular version of "natural law" recognizes Indigenous rights (sort of), but three different ways one nation can move in on another nation
 - The land is vacant (terra nullius)
 - Conquering the inhabitants in a "just war"
 - Acquiring territory through treaty
 - In Canada, Contact and Conflict

Two Row Wampum



Plains of Abraham 1759



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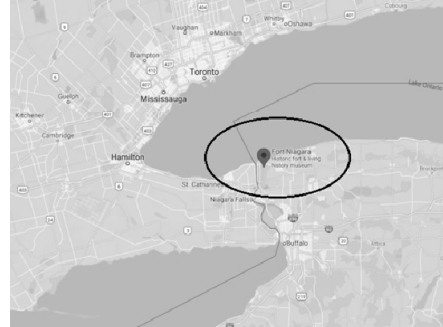
Nation to Nation: Honouring the Royal Proclamation of 1763



Royal Proclamation

And whereas it is just and reasonable, and essential to our Interest, and the Security of our Colonies, that the several Nations or Tribes of Indians with whom We are connected, and who live under our Protection, should not be molested or disturbed in the Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions and Territories as, not having been ceded to or purchased by Us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their Hunting Grounds.

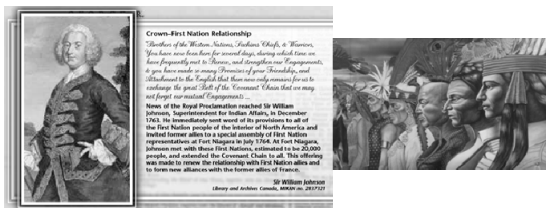
Treaty of Niagara 1764



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Justice Murray Sinclair on the Royal Proclamation (1763) and the Treaty of Niagara (1764)