

Grade 9 Answer

Consequence Question

4
Marks

Question:

**Explain one consequence of the conquest of Cuba.
(4 marks)**

Answer:

One consequence of the conquest of Cuba was the brutal treatment of the native population by the Spanish. Natives who refused to convert to Christianity were often burned alive, for example Hatuey was burned alive in 1512 after he refused to convert, and the rest were enslaved. The Spanish introduced the encomienda system, which forced the natives into harsh labor in gold mines and on cotton plantations. This system led to the exploitation and suffering of the indigenous people, drastically reducing their population due to overwork, mistreatment, and disease.

Feedback:

This answer would get 4/4 marks because the pupil has identified a consequence (mistreatment of native people), and has analysed the consequence using specific information, showing good understanding of the period.