

Guns, Germs and Steel

Episode Two: Conquest

1. What was the question that Jared Diamond was attempting to answer in the second episode of *Guns, Germs and Steel*?
2. What did domesticated animals do for Europeans?
3. Why couldn't the Inca be as productive as Europeans?
4. What advantages did horses give Pizarro and his men?
5. How did guns play a role in the Spanish conquest of Inca?
6. How did the Europeans get steel making technology and why was it important that they had it?
7. Why did the Spanish have writing and the Inca didn't?

8. What military advantages did the Spaniards have over the Inca?

9. How did disease play a role in the Spanish conquest of the Americas?

10. What did farm animals have to do with the fact that killer diseases affected Indians much more than it did most Europeans?

11. What was the impact of Old World diseases on the Americas?

12. Why did Pizarro defeat the Inca instead of the other way around?

