

**HISTORY**

# EMPIRE BUILDERS: CONQUISTADORS, WAR & REVOLUTION: A MEXICAN STORY

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**Throughout its history, Mexico has been convulsed by a series of epic, violent and bloody struggles that have defined the culture and identity of this complex nation.**

The world may be aware of the Spanish conquest in the 16th century, and the devastating impact of this conquest on Mexico's pre-Hispanic civilizations. But the subsequent four hundred years until the Mexican revolution has largely been ignored. We look at this often overlooked history of America's next door neighbour, a history that has both been influenced by and involved the United States.

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