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Assessment: Americas Rap Battle

Definition <i>an indigenous empire that ruled over Mesoamerica from the 14th-16th centuries, also known as the Triple Alliance and Mexica</i>	Quote "In 1426, the Aztecs of Tenochtilán formed an alliance with the Texcoco and Tlacopan peoples. These allies proceeded to wage war against neighboring peoples and eventually succeeded in gaining control over the Valley of Mexico." - Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, <i>An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States</i>, 2014.
Examples	Question

Aztecs

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

NOTICE

What do you see that seems interesting or important?

WONDER

What questions do you have about this image?

THINK

What do you suppose is going on in this image?



Source: Codex Azcatitlan, Library of Congress

Definition	Illustration
South American indigenous population that ruled an empire stretching along the Pacific Coast and Andean mountains Examples	Question

Inkas (Incas)

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Definition	Illustration
Political system where the power and decision-making authority is concentrated in a central body, rather than being distributed among lower levels of government	
Examples	Question

Centralized Government

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Anticipatory Guide

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Definition	Illustration
A period in the 15th through 17th centuries when European powers explored, colonized, and conquered regions around the world	
Examples	Question

Age of Exploration

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Give One		Get One		
PROMPT: What do you think was the largest motivation for European exploration?	[Collected Student Response]	[Collected Student Response]	[Collected Student Response]	
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MY ANSWER: [Student Response]	[Collected Student Response]	[Collected Student Response]	[Collected Student Response]	
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Definition	Illustration
A European explorer who went on expeditions for Spain. He is sometimes credited with the “discovery” of America. His journey started a new era of interconnectivity between the Old and New Worlds.	
Examples	Question

Christopher Columbus

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Mini Debate

In your small groups, answer the following question:

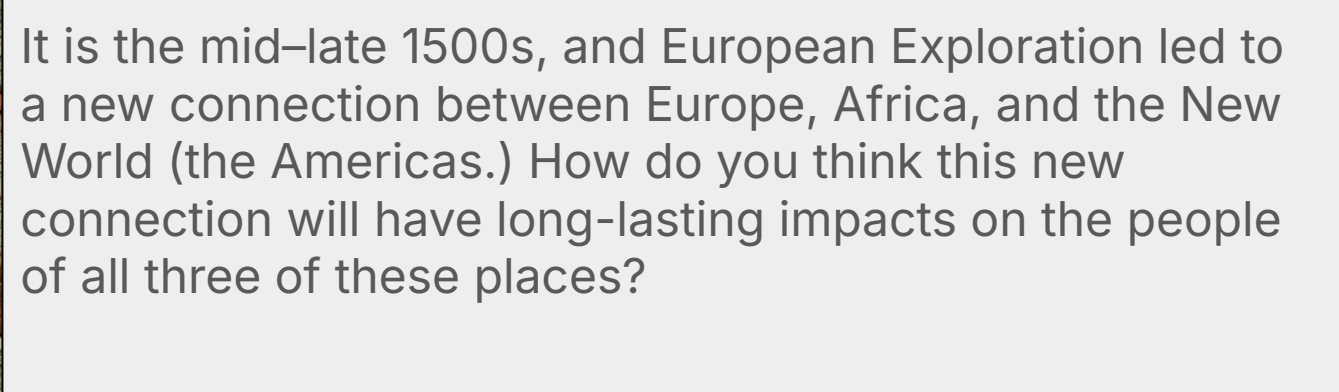
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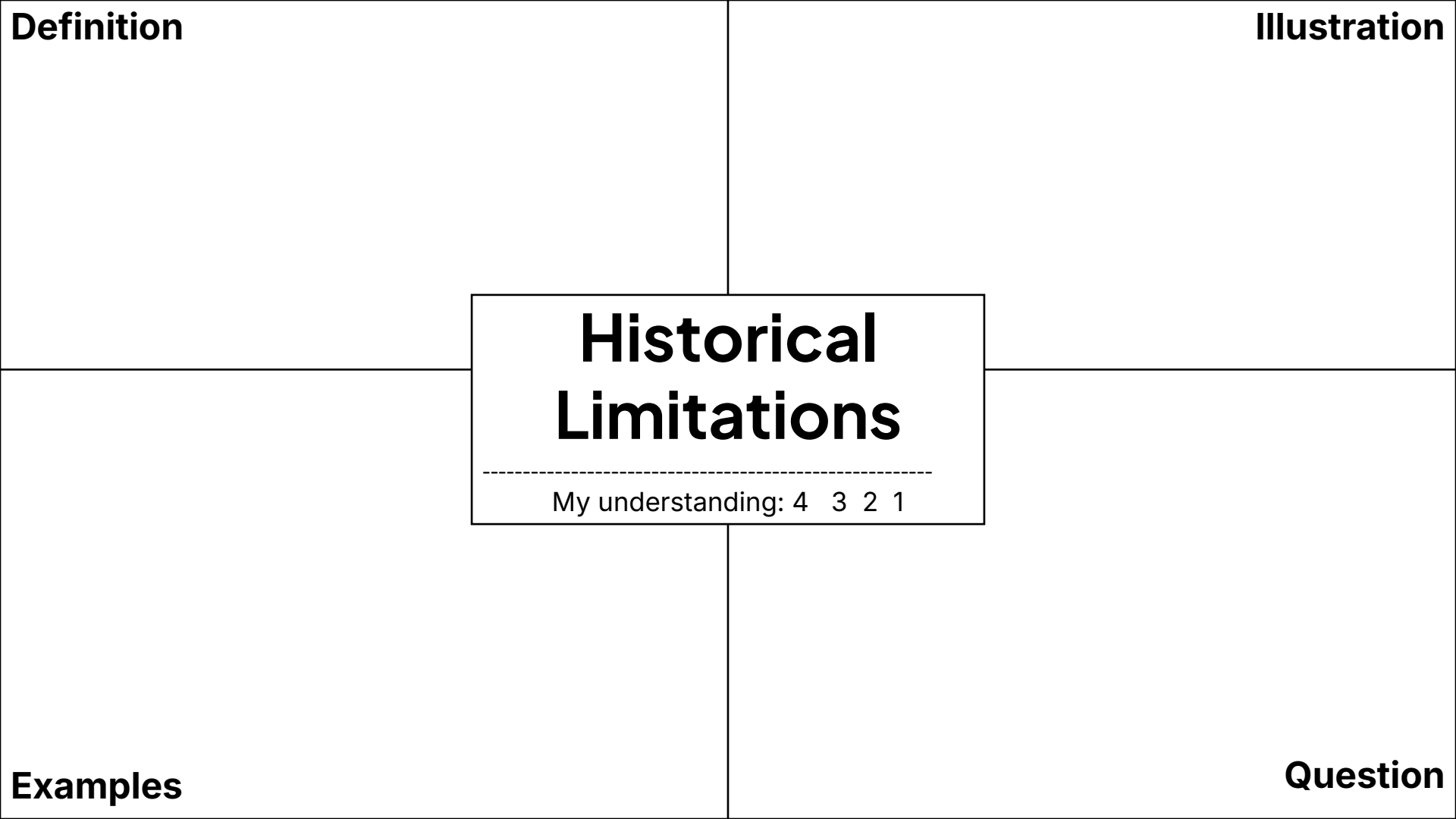
Try to come to a consensus and come up with 2 reasons to support your answer.

Definition	Illustration
Examples	Question

Columbian Exchange

My understanding: 4 3 2 1





Definition	Illustration
Examples	Question

Social Hierarchy

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

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Encomienda

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Coerced Labor

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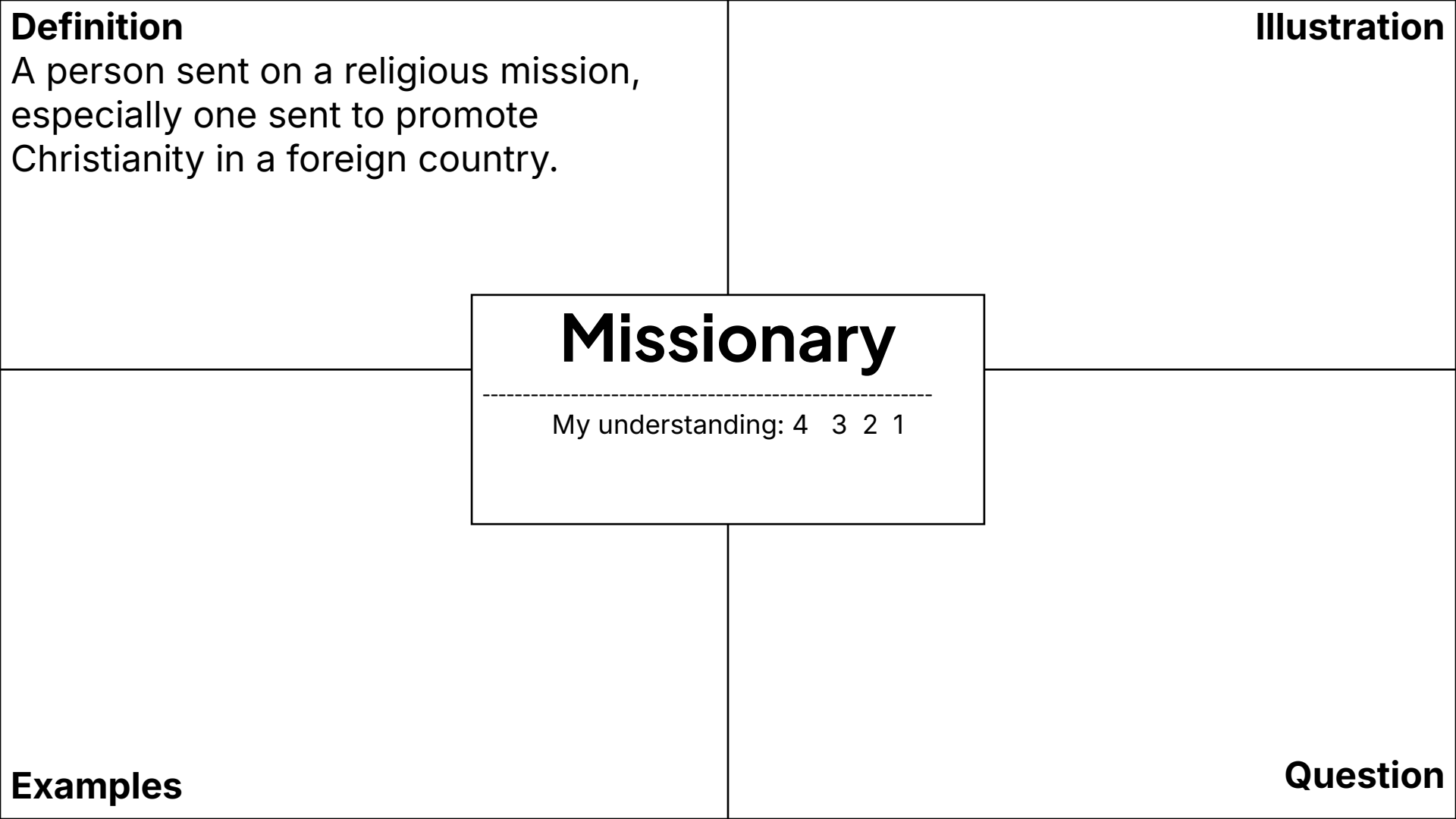


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Smallpox

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A-Z Guide

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Definition	Illustration
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**Passive
Resistance**

My understanding: 4 3 2 1



You are an Indigenous American person in Spanish America. A missionary came to your village and is pushing people to start practicing Christianity, even going as far as banning your own religious practices and beliefs. What do you do?

Definition	Illustration
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**Armed
Resistance**

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Give One

Get One

PROMPT:

How do you think indigenous people resisted the Europeans?

[Collected Student Response]

[Collected Student Response]

[Collected Student Response]

MY ANSWER:

[Student Response]

[Collected Student Response]

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Definition	Illustration
An indigenous empire that ruled over Mesoamerica from the 14th-16th centuries. The Aztecs ruled over Mesoamerica. They were eventually conquered by the Spanish when Cortes and his men invaded their land. Examples	What elements of Aztec culture still exist in Mesoamerica today? Question

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Aztecs

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Question

NOTICE

The Europeans and the Aztecs are portrayed differently. The Europeans look like they are supposed to be connected to death.

WONDER

What is the relationship between the Aztecs and the Europeans like in this image?

THINK

It looks like the Aztecs are figuring out that the Europeans want the wealth of the Aztec Empire and that they are willing to do everything in their power to obtain it.



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Definition	Illustration
Incas My understanding: 4 3 2 1 The Incas ruled over modern day Peru until they fell to the Spanish and the conquest of Pizarro. Examples	How did the Incas rule over their empire before they were conquered by the Europeans? Question

Definition

Illustration

Political system where the power and decision-making authority is concentrated in a central body, rather than being distributed among lower levels of government

Centralized Government

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

The Aztecs and Incas both had a centralized government that operated from their capital cities.

How were the Aztecs and Incas able to rule over their large territories so effectively?

Examples

Question

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A period in the 15th through 17th centuries when European powers explored, colonized, and conquered regions around the world Europeans like Christopher Columbus, Hernan Cortes, and Francisco Pizarro were all well known explorers and conquistadors of this period. Examples	What motivated Europeans to explore? Question

Age of Exploration

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Give One	Get One		
PROMPT: What do you think was the largest motivation for European exploration?	To spread glory for their country	To beat other countries to get the most territory	To diffuse Christianity as much as possible
MY ANSWER: To gain wealth (they wanted to find another way to Asia to access trade.)	To find a new way to get to Asia	To find gold in the New World	To build a better life for themselves
	To establish missionaries	To learn about new cultures	

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A European explorer who went on expeditions for Spain. He is sometimes credited with the “discovery” of America. His journey started a new era of interconnectivity between the Old and New Worlds.	
Christopher Columbus My understanding: 4 3 2 1 Columbus was an Italian explorer who was funded by the Spanish crown to find another route to Asia. He ended up “discovering” the Americas, creating a mass influx of Europeans to the region and leading to numerous changes. Examples	
Why is Columbus credited with finding the Americas if he never actually reached them?	Question

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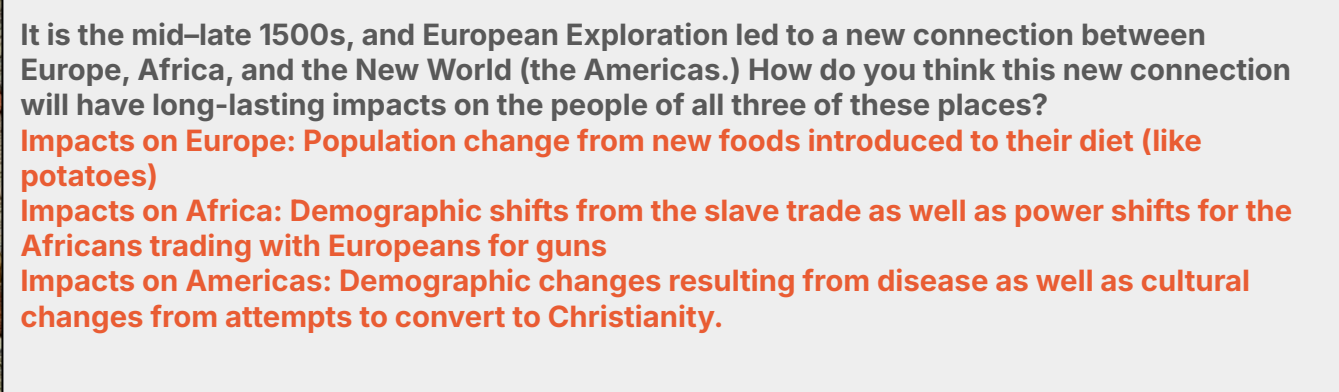
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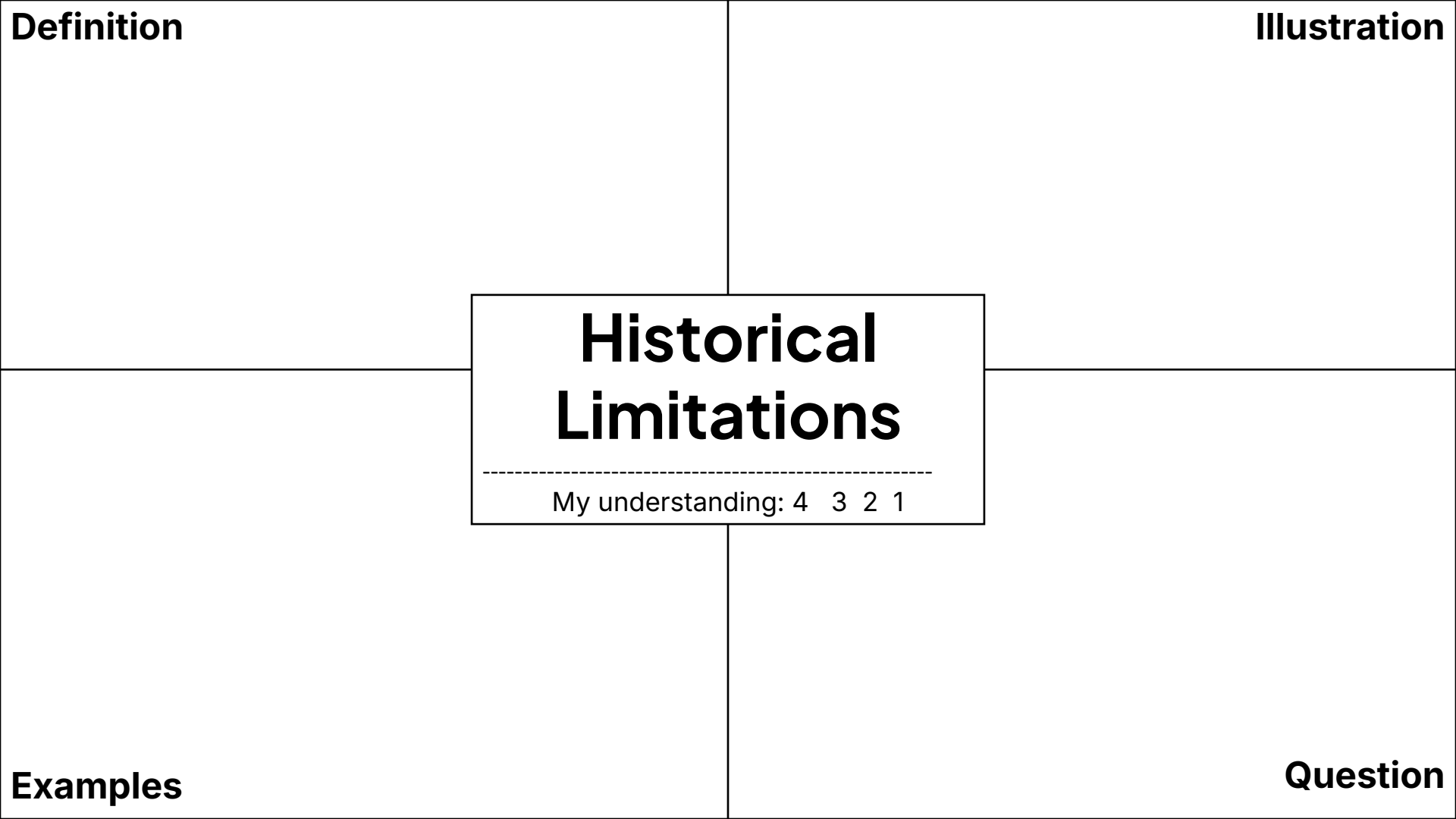
- 1. Columbus didn't actually discover America- not only did he not reach modern American soil, but there were also societies already living there.**
- 2. Columbus is credited with numerous cruel treatments of the indigenous population, and therefore should not be celebrated. We should use the day instead to celebrate the indigenous culture and perseverance in spite of European conquest.**

Definition	Illustration
A widespread transfer of plants, animals, diseases, and culture between the Old World (Europe, Asia, and Africa) and the New World (the Americas) Potatoes, Tomatoes, Corn brought from Americas back to Europe Diseases such as smallpox brought from Europe to Americas Examples	What long-lasting impacts did the Columbian Exchange have on the world? Question

Columbian Exchange

My understanding: 4 3 2 1





NOTICE

The Europeans are treating the indigenous people harshly while they are being forced to work.

WONDER

Why are the Europeans being so cruel to the Native Americans?

THINK

Indigenous American people are being forced to work for the Europeans, potentially in an environment related to the mines.



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Definition	Illustration
A system that ranks individuals or groups based on a valued social dimension, such as social class or gender. Examples Casta System in Spanish America Caste System in India	Question How did new interactions between different races (Spanish, Native American, and African) impact the social hierarchy in Spanish America?

Social Hierarchy

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Definition	Illustration
Examples	Question

Encomienda

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Definition	Illustration
Forced labor occurs when individuals are compelled against their will to provide work or service through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Enslaved Africans Native Americans forced to work by the Europeans Examples	Coerced Labor ----- My understanding: 4 3 2 1 What types of labor were the Native Americans forced to do? Question

NOTICE

Native Americans are working in dark and unsafe conditions in a mine. The labor looks hard (they have to climb a large ladder with heavy bags on their backs.)

WONDER

What (if anything) are the native people getting in return for their back breaking labor?

THINK

Native Americans are mining (silver) for the Europeans.

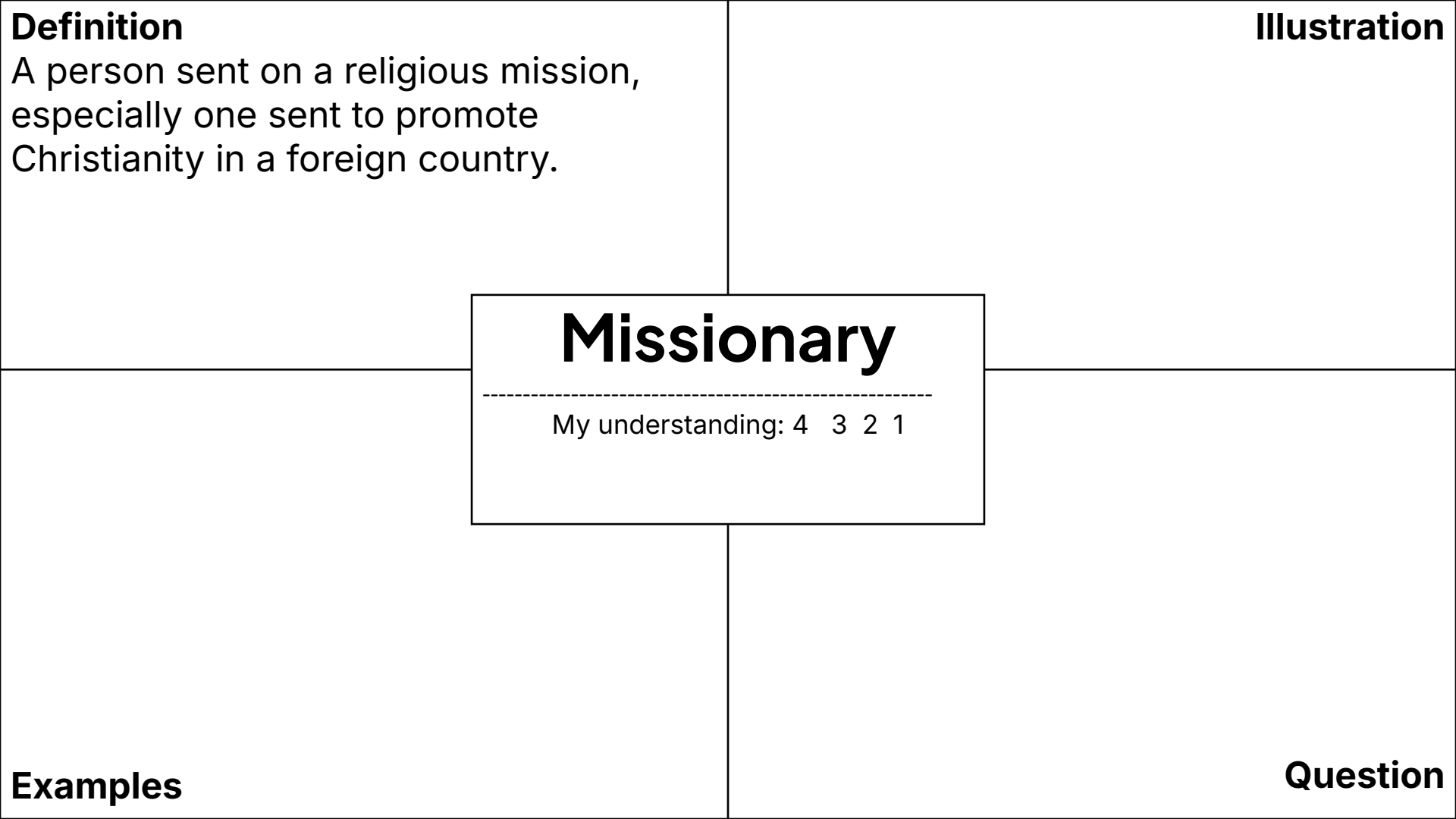


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J: Jesuits	K: Killing in War	L: Lady of Guadalupe
M: Missionaries	N:	O:
P: Potosi	Q:	R: Resistance
S: Syncretism	T: Two-Spirit People	U:
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Resistance**

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You are an Indigenous American person in Spanish America. A missionary came to your village and is pushing people to start practicing Christianity, even going as far as banning your own religious practices and beliefs. What do you do?

I think I would be nervous to push back against them because the Europeans had advanced weapons like guns that would be intimidating. But it would also be difficult to give up my beliefs (and I wouldn't want to) so I would want to resist in some way, even if it meant continuing to practice my own religion in private away from the Europeans.

Definition	Illustration
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**Armed
Resistance**

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Give One

Get One

PROMPT:

How do you think indigenous people resisted the Europeans?

[Collected Student Response]

[Collected Student Response]

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MY ANSWER:

[Student Response]

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