**Chapter 2**

**Step 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**EXPANSION AND EXPLORATION**

* Why was Portuguese maritime exploration focused on the west coast of Africa? What did Portugal hope to gain from such journeys?
* What was the Columbian exchange and what were its consequences for both the peoples of the Americas and those from the Old World?

**CONQUEST AND COLONIZATION**

* Describe the government and society of New Spain. How did New Spain reflect the values, beliefs, and goals of the Spanish conquerors?
* How did Spanish conquest and colonization affect the peoples of the Americas?

**THE IMPACT OF DISCOVERY IN EUROPE**

* What role did New World wealth play in the clash between Protestants and Catholics in sixteenth-century Europe?
* What lessons did other European powers draw from Spain's experience in the New World?

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* How did the isolation of the peoples of the Americas prior to 1492 affect the course and consequences of European expansion in the New World?
* How did Spanish success in the New World influence future European competition for control of the Americas?