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Using context clues, what can you infer the meaning of scout to be in the third paragraph?

What was Coronado in search of?

Write a sentence full of imagery that could be added to the third paragraph.

How would you paraphrase the fourth paragraph of this passage?

What do you think is Coronado's biggest impact on Texas and the southwest United States?

What genre is this passage?

# Francisco Coronado

Francisco Vázquez de Coronado was born in Spain around the year 1510. He represented the Spanish crown as a conquistador in North America.

When Coronado arrived in New Spain, which is now Mexico, in 1535, his fellow explorers and colonizers recognized him for bringing peace to their relationship with the indigenous population. He soon became governor of Nueva Galicia and began his journey north looking for riches.

A previous scout had reported cities made of gold and Coronado wanted to find them and become very wealthy. Coronado and about three hundred other Spaniards along with enslaved Native Americans set out with horses and livestock to find the cities of gold. They first travelled west to the Gulf of California and then north into what is now the United States.

The exploration group traveled throughout the North American southwest in search of the cities of gold, but did not find them. They did however encounter many indigenous groups who they fought with, killing many. Their trek took them through parts of modern day Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Before returning to Mexico, Coronado and his men released many, many horses. Of these horses, some were adopted by Native Americans and some roamed the prairie wild. Once he returned to Mexico, in 1542, Coronado reported his lack of findings to the government and resumed his position as governor. Altogether, they had travelled over 7,000 miles.

While Coronado did not find the famed cities of gold, he did leave behind a journal full of descriptions of the regions he travelled through that encouraged later exploration.



*Coronado never found the cities of gold, but did find several indigenous communities. Research the areas he travelled and write a description of at least one community he found that may have been mistaken for a city of gold.*

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