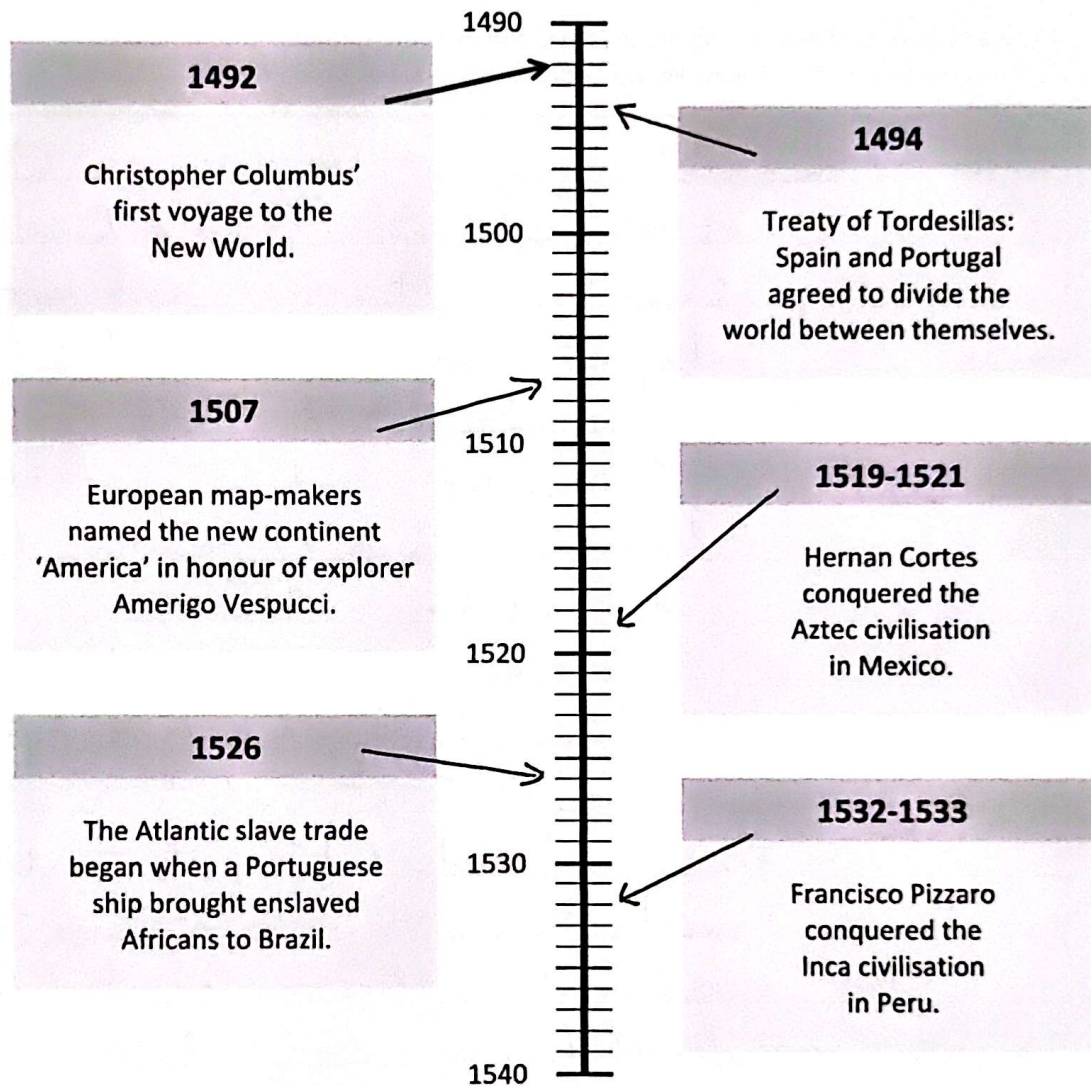


Question 3

The timeline below relates to exploration and conquest in the New World. Examine the timeline and answer the questions which follow.



(a) How many decades are represented on the timeline?

Five decades (3)

(b) Draw arrows to link each event to the correct date on the timeline. The first arrow has been done for you.

(15)

- (c) Mention one other event in Irish or European history at around the same time as the events in the timeline (1490-1540).

Vasco da Gama's first sea voyage from Portugal to India (3)

- (d) Write an account of one of the events/developments mentioned in the timeline. Explain how people in the New World and/or Europe were affected by it.

Cortés led the Spanish conquest of the Aztec civilisation in Mexico. He left from Cuba with 11 ships and 600 men, mostly soldiers. He brought cannons and war horses. After landing at Veracruz, he burned his ships as a sign to his men that there was no turning back. Cortés travelled inland to Tenochtitlán, the Aztec capital. Cortés captured Montezuma, the Aztec emperor, and forced him to rule as a Spanish prisoner. Cortés temporarily left. While gone, fighting broke out between the Spanish and the Aztecs. Montezuma was killed. Cortés returned to a city in rebellion. The Spanish fled. Cortés put together an alliance of nearby tribes. A 100,000-strong force surrounded Tenochtitlán. After three months of fighting, the Aztecs were defeated. Thousands of Aztecs were killed. Their lands were confiscated. Many were forced to work as slaves. (18)

(39 marks)