

E'peans competed to make \$ and get glory
E'peans want colonies for resources & as markets
to sell products

Colony = settlement ruled by a parent country

Mercantilism Belief that wealth = power

- countries want colonies to get wealth
 - wealth measured by bullion (gold & silver)
 - colonies exist to serve parent country
 - Spain takes lots of bullion from New World
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Spanish economic problems:

- inflation (prices rise)
- no productivity

Reflection:

How else could a
country gain wealth
besides by getting
bullion?