

## Chapter 9 Summary

### Big Question:

What elements of a society's worldview might lead to a desire to develop an empire?

#### Spanish Geography

Location made them want to learn more about the Atlantic Ocean and what could be found over its horizons.

They believed geography controlled everything.

Its location between Africa and Europe influenced the country, especially its religious history.

#### Religious Beliefs of the Catholic Monarchs

They had just restored Christianity through the Reconquista.

The new monarchs were Catholic.

Jews and Muslims were expelled - economics suffered.

They thought it was their religious duty to convert people all over the world.

#### Desire for Gold and Glory

They were motivated by the search for riches and glory.

During the Renaissance people thought national wealth was based on a country's supply of gold and silver.

This wealth could pay for wars, buy needed natural resources, and build more ships.

The King and Queen thought Columbus would bring back gold to support Spain and restore Spanish glory.