

In the accounts from Tlaxcala and Quauhaquechollan, there seems to be much collaboration between the natives and the Spaniards.

Contrary to the common perception of the Spaniards essentially conquering and establishing colonies on the land on their own, it seems that the natives aided them and were perhaps even more vital to the overall conquest than the Spaniards themselves. From the reading, I learned that the natives and the slaves had more men aiding in the efforts of the conquest than the Spaniards did. The general assumption was that the Spanish conquered on their own and mainly through the use of soldiers and military force, which also appears to be a myth.

The reading and pictorial accounts combined lead me to realize that the Spanish conquest was in no way performed solely by the Spaniards, and that it would have been nearly impossible to achieve were it not for the contributions of the Africans and natives.