

## Reading Quiz 0.2 - INTD290 ... Part I

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### 1 How to Submit this Assignment

Once you answer the questions, take a picture of your work and convert it to a PDF. Submit the PDF to the assignment link on Moodle.

### 2 Hispanic America's Historical Dynamics

1. The author lays out the central argument of the chapter in this section, which is the connection between merchant guilds, the domestic economy, and the constitution of enlightenment institutions. Please list some of the institutions, like colleges and botanical gardens (think of these as research institutes), mining guilds and corporations, etc. Give the dates, organized by country below:

(a) México: School of Mining 1762  
↳ botany 1788  
↳ the arts 1785

(b) Perú: National School 1799

(c) Venezuela (Caracas): mathematics academy 1760

(d) Guatemala: Jardín Botánico (1796)

### 3 Modern Scientific Culture

1. Discuss the significance of *empiricism*, or the use of observations from instruments, on scientific culture. How was this different from Scholasticism? (Feel free to look up the definitions of these terms).

Empiricism requires exact information and data while Scholasticism only requires broad understanding. The significance of Empiricism is that it allowed data to be collected with precision and therefore required precision when it came to interpreting the data.

### 4 Hispanic American Scientific Culture

1. Notice the discussion of *Scientific Libraries*. Discuss the significance of the formation of private scientific libraries in Enlightenment period Hispanic America. What does the existence of these collections of new, modern books tell us about scientific culture at the time? Why were these books not in common libraries? What are a few other examples of the birth of modern scientific culture that more private than public or nationalized?

Private scientific libraries show that individuals at the time valued knowledge beyond the library kept by the universities. School libraries held traditional texts while private ones held cutting edge researches well as texts forbidden by the Catholic church.



2. Notice the discussion of *Scientific and Technical Journals*. Give several examples of scientific and technical journals emerging in the culture. When were they created and what did they cover?

These journals were created due to restoration of texts by the Spanish inquisition and they typically covered the ideas of those who supported Enlightenment ideals. They popularized science.

3. What was the significance of the debate over mining methods? Who eventually won the debate and why?

Hispanic American territory enjoyed economic growth while the mines of the Viceroyalty struggled and only recovered at the end of the eighteenth century.