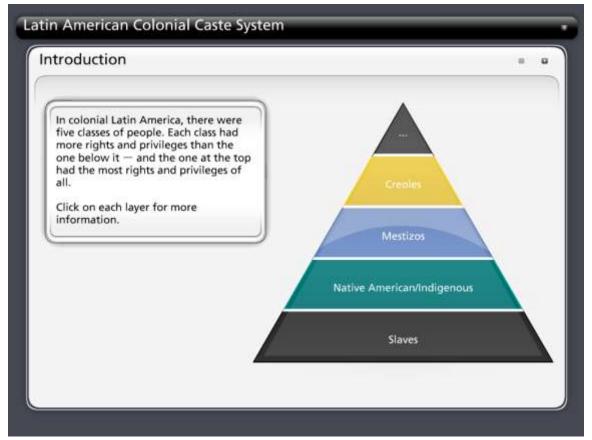
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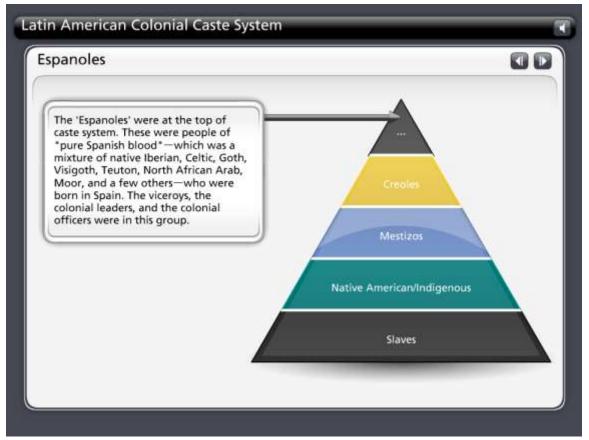


In colonial Latin America, there were five classes of people. Each class had more rights and privileges than the one below it - and the one at the top had the most rights and privileges of all.

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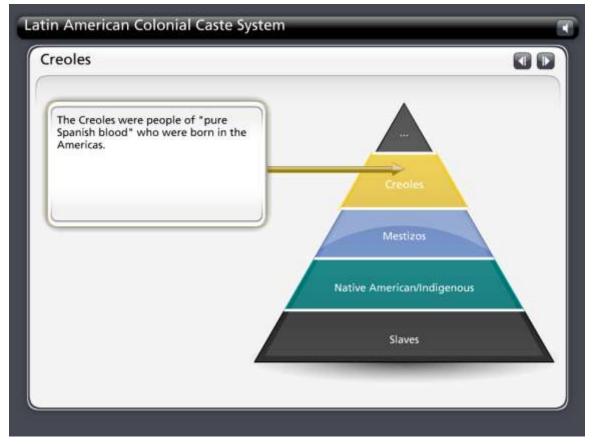
Espanoles



The 'Espanoles' were at the top of caste system. These were people of "pure Spanish blood"—which was a mixture of native Iberian, Celtic, Goth, Visigoth, Teuton, North African Arab, Moor, and a few others—who were born in Spain. The viceroys, the colonial leaders, and the colonial officers were in this group.



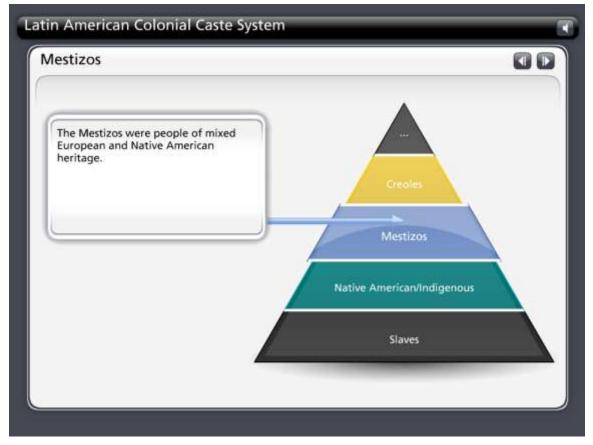
Creoles



The Creoles were people of "pure Spanish blood" who were born in the Americas.



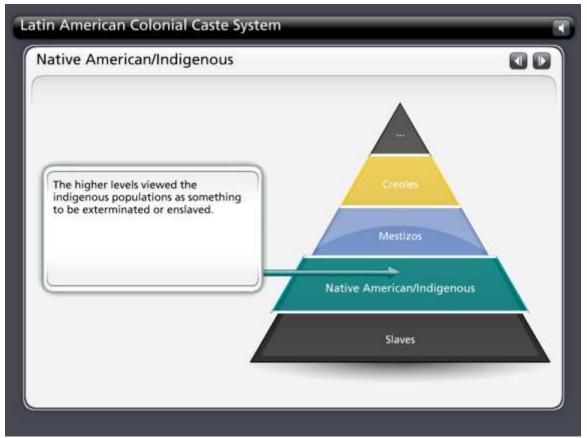
Mestizos



The Mestizos were people of mixed European and Native American heritage.



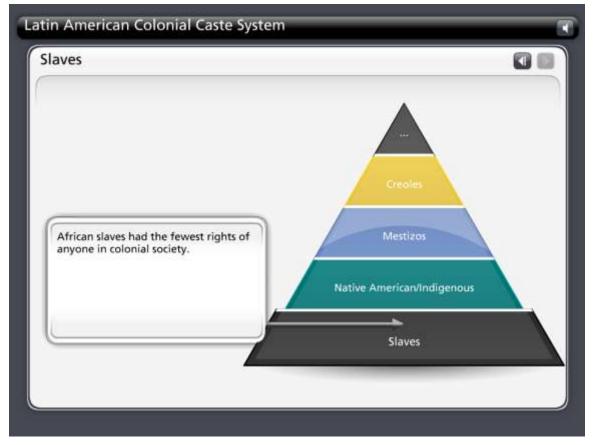
Native American/Indigenous



The higher levels viewed the indigenous populations as something to be exterminated or enslaved.



Slaves



African slaves had the fewest rights of anyone in colonial society.

