
European Colonial Expansion & Its Aftermath

The Historical, Ecological and Cultural Consequences of 1492



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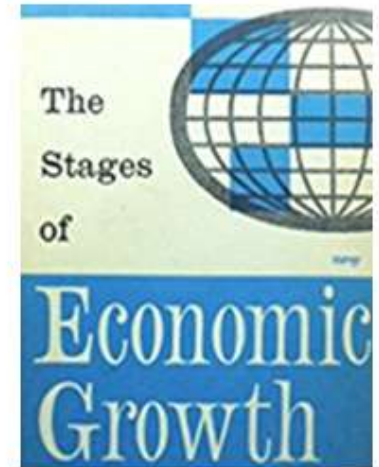
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Class Session About The Essays You
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Expectations & Requirements

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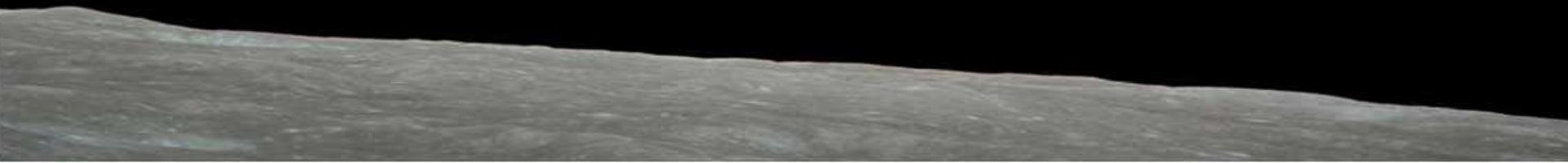
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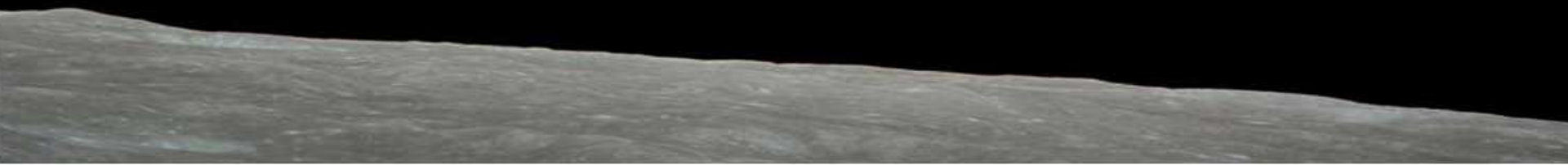


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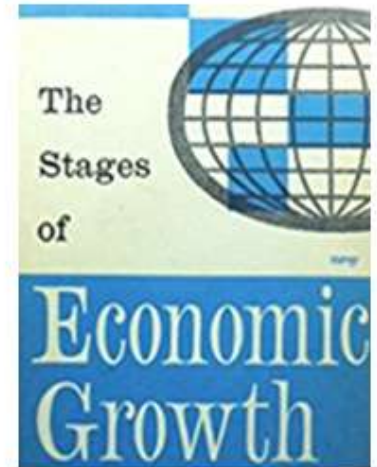
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