**Document A**

**“They came loaded with balls of cotton, parrots, javelins, and other things too numerous to mention; these they exchanged for whatever we chose to give them. I was very attentive to them, and strove to learn if they had any gold.”**

**Document B**

**“We set sail about ten o'clock, with the wind southeast … according to the account of the natives on board, there is much gold, the inhabitants wearing it in bracelets upon their arms, legs, and necks, as well as in their ears and at their noses.”**

**Document C**

**“I cannot fail, with the help of our Lord, to find the place which produces [gold].”**

Document D

“I shall penetrate so far as to reach the village and see or speak with the king, who…goes dressed, with a great deal of gold about him. I do not…give much credit to …the natives … and perceive them to be so poor that a trifling quantity of gold appears to them a great amount.”

**Document E**

“In return for bringing back gold and spices, they promised Columbus 10 percent of the profits, governorship over new-found lands, and the fame that would go with a new tide: Admiral of the Ocean Sea.”

**Document F**

**“Why do you so greatly oppress and fatigue them, not giving them enough to eat or caring for them when they fall ill from excessive labors, so that they die or rather are slain by you, so that you may extract and acquire gold every day?”**

**Document G**

“…it led Columbus to take some of them aboard ship as prisoners because he insisted that they guide him to the source of the gold.”

Document H

**“They found no gold fields, but had to fill up the ships returning to Spain with some kind of dividend. In the year 1495, they went on a great slave raid, rounded up fifteen hundred Arawak men, women, and children, put them in pens guarded by Spaniards and dogs, then picked the five hundred best specimens to load onto ships. Of those five hundred, two hundred died en route.”**

Document I

“… they ordered all persons fourteen years or older to collect a certain quantity of gold every three months. When they brought it, they were given copper tokens to hang around their necks. Indians found without a copper token had their hands cut off and bled to death.”

Document J

“The Indians had been given an impossible task. The only gold around was bits of dust garnered from the streams. So they fled, were hunted down with dogs, and were killed”