

### **Essay Questions related to Dr. Chanca's Letter**

1. Based on Dr. Chanca's letter, discuss what happened to the Spaniards who had been left behind on Hispaniola during the first voyage.

2. Dr. Chanca's claim that cannibalism existed among some of the natives is widely accepted today, but his claim that an abundance of gold was present on Hispaniola was disproven long ago. Does the letter itself tend to support the first claim more than the second?