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**“The Kingdoms of Hispaniola”**

At the beginning of the story talks about an island named Hispaniola, this island is divided into five kingdoms, which are: Maguá, Marién, Maguana, Xaraguá, and Higuey and every kingdom had a king. The first paragraph talks about Maguá and his king “Guarionex”. He describes this area as a wonderful place in which gold was found and Guarionex as a generous man he will give the gold away to the King and Queen of Spain. The Spaniards took advantage of him at the point in which one of them took and raped his wife and Guarionex decided to voluntary exile the community but he was captured by the Spaniards. They took Guarionex to Spain but the ship sank with all the gold and everybody died. The second kingdom was Marién, and the king of the region was “Guacanagarí”. This territory was the first area in which Christopher Columbus landed on when he discovered the New World. Marién was very productive because gold and copper mines were found. Also, in this territory Guacanagarí died running away from the Spaniards’ cruelty. The third of these kingdoms is Maguana, and his king Caonabó was also captured and died in his way to Spain. And the fourth Kingdom was Xaraguá. Las Casas included these particular events because he wanted us to see how the Spaniards took advantage of them, by killing their people and taking away their gold and other resources. As we read we found out that indigenous people didn’t really care about the gold and resources. The only important thing to them was the value of life.