Discussion Questions:
Bartolome de las Casas: “Spanish Atrocities in the West Indies, 1513-1520”

1. List the acts of cruelty committed by the Spanish according to Las Casas.

2. What words does Las Casas use to describe the Spaniards who commit these murders?

3. Speculate as to why the Spanish would do such things to the Native Americans.

4. What happened to the natives who were not killed by the Spanish?

5. Word of these murders reached other native tribes who had never come in contact with Europeans. How might these tribes react when the Spanish eventually came in contact with them?