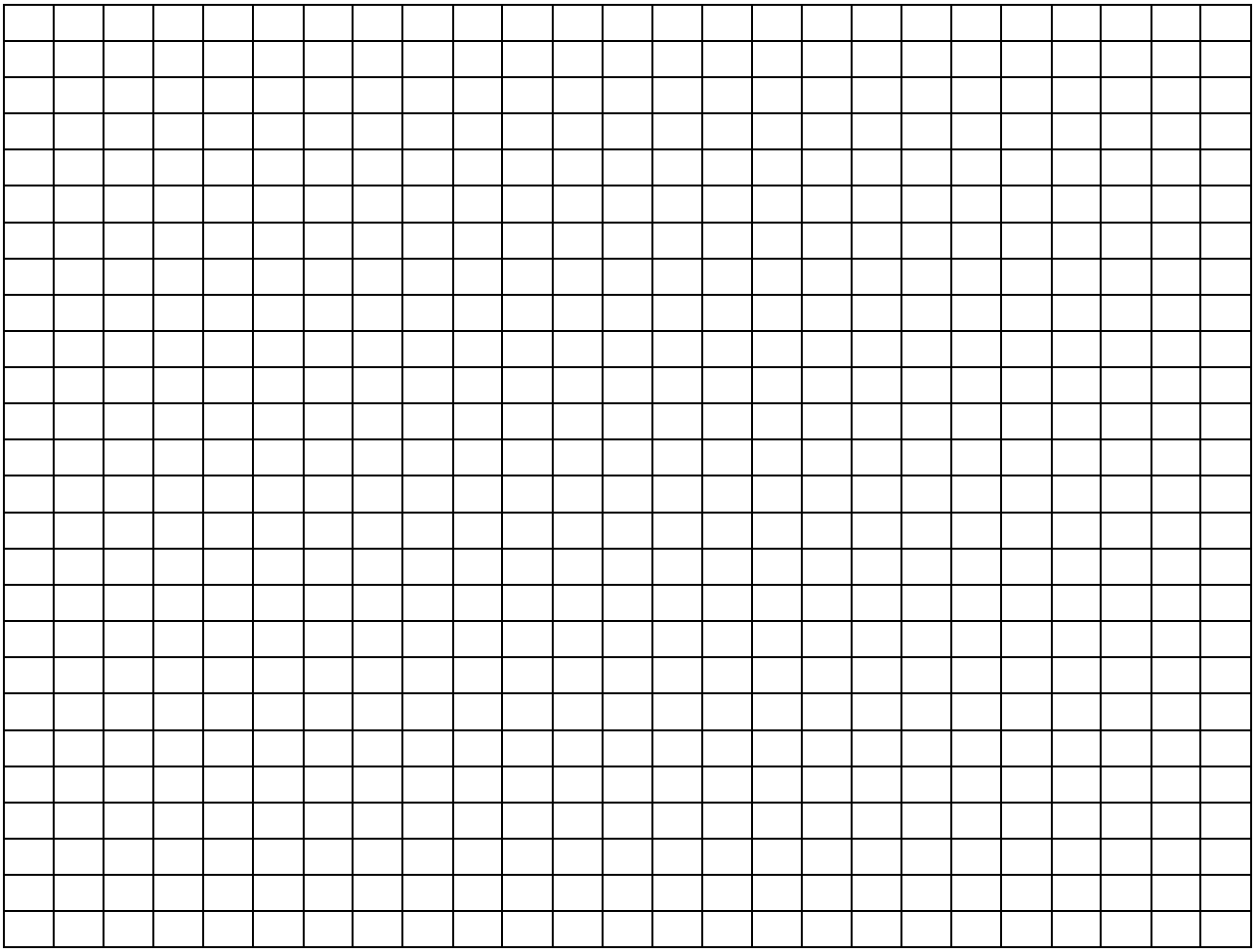
Graphing the Population of Central Mexico after European Contact



Using the graphing chart above we are going to graph the decline in population of Native Americans in Central Mexico between 1518 and 1608.

Follow along with the "milk jug" demonstration using the numbers below before graphing (they will be the statistics you are graphing [year & population])

- In the year 1518 there were 25.2 million people in Central Mexico (full gallon)
- Year 1532, population 16.8 million (- 43 ounces)
- Year 1548, population 6.3 million (- 53 ounces)
- Year 1568, population 2.7 million (- 18 ounces)
- Year 1580, population 1.9 million (-4 ounces)
- Year 1595, population 1.4 million (-3 ounces)
- Year 1608, population 1.1 million (-1 ounces)

Follow up Questions

1. What do you think may have caused the population decrease?

2. What effects do you suppose the decrease in population might have had on the Native Americans in those areas?

3. Why do you think the decrease in population started to level out?

4. Long term consequences?