Scaffolded Questions: Bloom’s Model

Topic: The Role of the Church in the Spanish Conquest of Latin America

Memory/Knowledge:
What kind of state and religious institutions existed in Latin America prior to contact? (identify and describe)

Comprehension:
How did the arrival of Christian missionaries in Latin America affect the practice of indigenous religions? (cause and effect, explain)

Application:
Imagine that you are a Franciscan in the Yucatan and you’ve just discovered that your supposed converts are continuing to secretly worship their own gods. (apply, solve)

Analysis:
How did the Franciscans, the Dominicans, and the Jesuits differ in their approaches to Christianization of the Indians? (compare/contrast)

Synthesis:
If the Spanish had found themselves in North America rather than Latin America, how might events have turned out differently? (reconstruct)

Evaluation:
Based on your understanding of the meaning of conversion, evaluate the success of the Spanish missionary enterprise. Did the Spanish Christianize Latin America? Defend your argument. (assess, persuade)