

SOCIAL STUDIES YEAR 5 NOTES

CHAPTER 4.3: THE IMPACTS OF WESTERNERS COMING TO BRUNEI

The arrival of westerners had resulted in four main impacts to Brunei at the time.



A) BRUNEI BECAME A PART OF THE GLOBAL TRADE

1. Brunei mainly traded with *China and other kingdoms in Southeast Asia* in the past.
2. However, by the *16th century*, Brunei became a famous and important *trading port* in the world.



B) WAR WITH SPAIN

1. The Spanish had set up trading posts and territories *in the Philippines* in the *1560s*.
2. Spain then launched a surprise attack and invaded Brunei in *1578* in a war called '*Castille War*'.
3. The Spanish were only able to invade Brunei for *72 days* as they were chased away by warriors led by Pengiran Bendahara Sakam.



C) THE WEAKENING OF THE BRUNEI EMPIRE

1. Brunei lost control over the *south-eastern and northern part of Borneo*.
2. The Sambas and Sulu set up their own empires.
3. The Bajaus who worked as sailors in Brunei's navy also left and moved to Southern Philippines and Sabah. Thus, Golden Age of Brunei was over.



D) ARRIVAL OF MORE WESTERNERS

1. *Portugal* and *Spain's* success in building empires in the Southeast Asian region attracted other westerners.
2. In the *17th and 18th centuries*, British and the Dutch also set up their kingdoms in the region too.