

encomienda *(en-co-mi-en-da)*

Definition

n. the system instituted in 1503 under which a Spanish soldier or colonist was granted a tract of land or a village together with its Indian inhabitants

Example Sentence

Encomienda provided for Indian tribute in exchange for protection.

Synonyms

land grant system; granting of land; allotment of land

Antonyms

buying of food

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