

Americans Section 1.1 – Peopling the Americas

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1. When did the first Americans arrive? By what route did they come?
2. What prey did the first Americans hunt?
3. When and where did agriculture develop in the Americas? What crops were grown?
4. How does a nomadic culture differ from an agricultural culture?
5. Where and when did the first great empire emerge in the Americas? Who founded this empire and which later empires developed in this same region?
6. Who developed the most prominent empire in South America? What were some of their achievements?
7. Which people developed civilizations in the present-day American Southwest (Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico)?
8. What were the great native American civilizations east of the Mississippi? What were their accomplishments?

Americans Section 1.2 – North American Societies c. 1492

9. How did the lifestyle of the Kashaya Pomo of California differ from the Yurok and Hupa people?
10. Where did the Kwakiutl, Nootka, and Haida people live and how did they survive?
11. Define totem:
12. Define potlatch:
13. How did the lifestyle of the Pueblo people differ from their Anasazi ancestors?
14. Define kiva:

15. What large tribe lived in the Eastern Woodlands?
16. What crops were grown in the Southeast?
17. Examine the chart and trade map on page 11. What products did Native Americans tribe trade?
18. How did Native American beliefs about land differ from Europeans?
19. Who dominated family life among the Iroquois and Hopi?
20. Where did members of an Iroquois tribe live?

Americans Section 1.3– West African Societies c. 1492

21. What connected West Africa to the wider world? Which cities were at the center of this network?
22. Which religious tradition did the rulers of Mali and Songhai follow?
23. Which European people were the first to establish an outpost on the West African coast and when did they arrive?
24. What did Europeans establish on the islands of Principe and Sao Tome?
25. What was the largest West African empire, who led it, and what years did he reign?
26. Why Askia Muhammad a great ruler?
27. What kingdom thrived around the Niger River delta and who was its great oba? What type of product was this kingdom famous for producing?
28. What kingdom was centered on the lower Zaire River and what was its ruler's title?

29. Describe life in the Kongo in the late 1400s.

30. In what way were West African religions similar to Christian and Muslim beliefs?

31. What grain did farmers from Senegal and Gambia bring to the Americas?

32. How did African slavery differ from the form of slavery which would later evolve in the Americas?

Americans Section 1.4– European Societies c. 1492

33. Define “renaissance”:

34. How did artisans’ and merchants’ social status differ from nobles and peasants?

35. What institution dominated western Europe in the Middle Ages?

36. Define “*reconquista*”:

37. What were three major consequences of the Crusades?

a.

b.

c.

38. Define “Reformation”:

39. How did the Crusades impact trade?

40. What were the four major nation-states of western Europe in the late 1400s?

41. Complete: “The Renaissance encouraged people to _____, to have
_____, and to look forward to the
_____. This attitude prompted many to seek _____

through adventure, discovery, and conquest.”

42. Examine the image on page 24 and read “Sailing Technology” on page 25. Which three improvements to sailing technology do you think had the greatest impact on the success of European explorers?
43. Complete: “_____ rounded the southern tip of Africa in 1488.
_____ reached _____ ten years later.”
44. What was the cost of Columbus’ expedition equivalent to?

Americans Section 1.5– Transatlantic Encounters

45. When did Columbus arrive in the New World? Who were the people he first encountered and how did he describe them?
46. How did the size and composition of Columbus’ second expedition differ from his first?
47. How did Bartolome de Las Casas feel about the Spanish conquest of the Caribbean?
48. Which Old World diseases had the greatest impact on New World natives?
49. What was Las Casas’ proposed solution for the labor shortage in the Spanish colonies?
50. How many Africans were transported to the New World before the end of the slave trade in the 1800s?
51. Define “Columbian Exchange”:
52. Why was the Treaty of Tordesillas signed? What was its greatest effect?
53. Explain how the new society which emerged in the Americas was multicultural.