

AP/IB U.S. History – Ms. Zierer

We will have a quiz on the first chapter of your textbook, *America's History*, on Friday, August 16th. You may want to start reading this chapter ahead of time. You will read one chapter a week once school begins, and we will have at least one quiz a week. It is important that you do not fall behind. Study guides are provided for each chapter, and the quizzes are based on these guides. The following guide is for chapter 1. You may also join Google Classroom with the code: z1yl77 to access the study guide. Have a fantastic summer!

Chapter 1: Colliding Worlds, 1450-1600

- Think about Identifying the Big Idea as you read the chapter
- Three “worlds” that are colliding in this chapter
- Importance of April 1493
- Importance of Hernando de Soto – where, what, etc.
- Importance of the African Kingdom of Kongo and Duarte Lopez
- What does the text say we need to understand regarding these three worlds?

The Native American Experience

- Number of people in the Americas at this time of European contact
- Where did most of the people in the Americas live?
- Ways various groups survived/lived – also see map on page 10

The First Americans

- Americans - from where, when, and how?
- How they eventually people the continent (know specific groups)– also see map on page 9
- First domesticated crops and their importance/impact

American Empire

- Importance of the Aztec and Tenochtitlan
- Explain the tribute system
- Aztec social hierarchy and rule – also see drawing on page 11
- Importance of the Inca and Cuzco
- Incan hierarchy and rule

Chiefdoms and Confederacies

- Impact of maize

The Mississippi Valley

- Importance of Cahokia
- Decline of Cahokia

Eastern Woodlands

- Lifestyles of Native Americans in this area
- Roles of women and men
- Interaction with the environment
- Political organization of Algonquian and Iroquoian
- Role of the Iroquois Confederacy
- Matriarchal societies – role of men and women
- How did the Dutch and English exploit the rivalries among the different Native groups?

The Great Lakes

- Ways the geography (lakes, rivers, etc.) shaped politics, economy, and society in this area

The Great Plains and Rockies

- Ways the introduction of the horse transformed life for the Plains Indians
- Major Native American groups in this area and their lifestyles

The Arid Southwest

- Names of Native Americans societies here and ways they adapted to the environment
- Importance of Chaco Canyon
- Downfall of the societies in this area

The Pacific Coast

- Politics, economy, and lifestyles of the peoples in this area
- Ways they were shaped by the geography

Patterns of Trade

- Importance of trade and particular trade goods
- Importance of trade fairs
- Role of war captives
- How do archeologist know that extensive trade networks existed
- Ways tribal leaders controlled wealth and goods
- Importance of the *potlatch* ceremony

Sacred Power

- Importance of animists
- Role of women in society
- Role of men in society
- Ideologies regarding war
- Understanding Points of View: How did Native Americans' conceptions of the spiritual world influence their daily lives?

Western Europe: The Edge of the Old World

- Government organization in Western Europe
- Major problems in Europe at this time

Hierarchy and Authority

- Structure of European hierarchy
- Ways the nobility challenged royal authority
- Impact of patriarchy on the society
- Impact of primogeniture
- Three major institutions in European society

Peasant Society

- Daily life of peasants
- Problems peasants faced
- Compare and Contrast: In what ways were the lives of Europeans similar to and different from those of Native Americans?

Expanding Trade Networks

- Importance of Arab scholars
- Trading area controlled by the Arabs – why was this important?
- Importance of Italy's city-states with regard to trade
- Politics of city-states
- Importance of civic humanism
- Importance of the Renaissance
- Spread of the economic revolution
- Importance of merchants and artisans
- Rise of commerce and the power of kings
- Importance of guilds

Myths, Religions, and Holy Warriors

- Compare and contrast early religious beliefs of Europeans to those of Native Americans

The Rise of Christianity

- Rise and spread of Christianity
- Importance of Constantine
- Importance of the Roman Catholic Church
- Impact of Christianity on peasant life
- Heresy

The Crusades

- Rise and spread of Islam
- Purpose of the Crusades
- Impact of the Crusades
- Importance and impact of the sugar trade

The Reformation

- Importance of Martin Luther
- Importance of John Calvin
- Predestination
- Protestant Reformation
- Counter-Reformation
- Impact of the rivalry between Protestantism and Catholicism on the colonization of the Americas

West and Central Africa: Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade

- West and Central Africa prior to 1400

Empires, Kingdoms, and Ministates

- Major geographic features of West Africa
- Sudanic civilization
- Three great empires in the northern savanna: politics, economy, etc.
- Describe civilizations in the lower savanna and tropical rainforest of West Africa
- Compare and Contrast: How do the states of the savanna compare to those of the Americas and Europe?

Trans-Saharan and Coastal Trade

- Trans-Saharan trade goods – also see map on page 24
- Alternative trade beginning in the mid-fifteenth century
- Gold Coast and Slave Coast
- Importance of the Kongo

The Spirit World

- Explain the spread of Islam
- Compare and contrast traditional African spiritual beliefs to those of Native Americans and early Europeans

Exploration and Conquest

- Role of Portugal and Spain in the early “Atlantic World”

Portuguese Expansion

- Importance of Prince Henry
- Importance and impact of the caravel
- Reasons Italian merchants needed to find new trade routes
- Transformation of the Atlantic islands
- Reasons European merchants not make inroads into the African continent itself
- Importance of Bartolomeu Dias
- Importance of Vasco de Gama
- Importance of the Portuguese and Dutch in Asia

The African Slave Trade

- Role of Portugal in the slave trade
- History of slavery in Africa
- Growth of the slave trade for Europeans

Sixteenth-Century Incursions

- Importance of Ferdinand and Isabella
- Reconquista and Inquisition

Columbus and the Caribbean

- Importance of Columbus and the West Indies
- Importance of Amerigo Vespucci
- Compare and contrast the textbook’s portrayal of Columbus and the New World to that of Howard Zinn’s in *A People’s History of the United States*

Spanish Invasion

- Reasons Spain explored the mainland of the Americas
- Importance of Juan Ponce de León
- Importance of Vasco Núñez de Balbo
- Importance of Hernán Cortés and the downfall of the Aztecs
- Impact of disease – role in the conquest of Tenochtitlan
- Importance of Francisco Pizarro and Atahualpa
- Impact of the Spanish invasion on the Americas

Cabral and Brazil

- Importance of Pedro Alvares Cabral
- Importance of Dom João III
- Importance of sugar and slavery
- Plantation system
- Important elements taking shape at the end of the 16th century