

## **APUSH Unit 1 Reading Guide: Chapters 1 & 2(p3-46)**

### **Key Terms:**

Encomienda      Conquistadors      Treaty of Tordesillas      Corn Civilizations  
Mesoamerican Civilizations      Aztecs/Maya/Aztec      Slash & Burn agriculture      Nomadic  
Hunter-gatherers      Silk Road      Crusades      Reconquista(Spain)      Protestant  
Reformation/Counter-Reformation      Columbian Exchange      New World vs. Old World  
Ghana, Mali & Songhai      Trans-Saharan Trade      Genocide/Smallpox  
matriarchal societies      St. Augustine, Fl      “Gold, Glory & God”      Mestizos/Mullatos/Zambos  
Three Sisters(Agriculture)      African Slave Trade      Iroquois/Iroquois Confederacy/Five Nations  
Algonquians      Pueblo Indians/Hopi/Anaszi      Plains Indians/Sioux/Comanche      Catholic Missions  
West Indies      Northwest Passage      Defeat of Spanish Armada      Moundbuilders/Cahokia  
Animists      Potlatches      Black Legend

### **Key People:**

Christopher Columbus:      Henry the Navigator:      Hiawatha:      Vasco da Gama:  
Hernan Cortes:      Francisco Pizzaro:      Montezuma:      Francis Drake:  
Henry Hudson:      Amerigo Vespucci:      Ferdinand Magellan:      Jacques Cartier:  
Samuel De Champlain:      John Cabot:      Queen Elizabeth:      Isabella & Ferdinand:

### **Central Questions:**

#### **Native American Experience**

1. What allowed for early humans to migrate to the Americas? How many people do they believe were in the Americas prior to European contact?
2. How did the Aztecs build such a large empire in Central Mexico?
3. What allowed for large populations to emerge in the Mississippi Valley?
4. Who were the major tribes of the Eastern Woodlands? What were their key features? Where were they located?
5. What made the Great Lakes tribes more mobile?
6. What changed the lifestyles and habits of the Plains Indians?
7. What breakthrough allowed for the development of Indian communities in the Southwest? What was their key architectural feature?

8. What role did specialization play in the development of the trade routes formed in North America? What issues arose because of the wealth generated by these trade routes?
9. What was the common religious belief among Native Americans? In what ways did these beliefs manifest themselves in the daily lives of people?

### **Western Europe: Edge of the Old World**

1. What was the typical hierarchy found in Western Europe? What institutions help the majority of power in society?
2. What were some of the challenges faced by serfs in Western Europe?
3. What revolutionized commerce in Europe? How did this change begin to alter the traditional hierarchy of Europe?
4. How did the Crusades increase European desire for goods from Asia?
5. How did the Catholic Church respond to the Protestant Reformation? How did this shape the settlement of the New World?

### **West and Central Africa: Origins of the Slave Trade**

1. What resource was abundant in West Africa and allowed for civilizations in the area to flourish?
2. How did trading in West Africa change following the 15<sup>th</sup> Century?
3. What outside religion became highly influential in West Africa?

### **Exploration & Conquest**

1. What innovations and individuals spurred Portuguese exploration?
2. What was the ultimate goal of the Portuguese exploration? What were common items traded?
3. What interactions did the Portuguese have with Africa?
4. Explain the nature and size of the African Slave Trade? How did the Portuguese slave trade evolve over time?
5. What actions did Spain take to expand the power and influence of Spain?
6. What factors contributed to the success of the Spanish Conquistadors? What Mesoamerican empires did they conquer?
7. What were the effects of the Spanish arrival in the Americas on the native population?
8. What crop took hold in the Portuguese colonies? Who provided a majority of the labor?

### **Spain's Tribute Colonies:**

1. What reward was given to the Spanish Conquistadors? What was an unintended consequence of all the gold pulled out of the colonies?
2. What were common items involved in the Columbian Exchange? What parts of the world were involved?
3. Why caused the initial tension between the Spanish and English? What actions of Elizabeth I angered the Spanish? What was the ultimate outcome of the conflict between the Spanish & English?