

Unit 1 Study Guide

European Culture:

1. What events led to the rise of the Church during the Middle Ages?
2. What is secularism? How did it lead to the rise of new advancements in technology?
3. Why did the Feudal system become so popular? How the use of manors influence development in the Americas?
4. Why did the political and economic structure of Europe encourage serfs/lower class to migrate to the Americas?

Native Population:

1. What is the theory that explains the arrival of humans and animals in the Americas?
2. How many people lived in the Americas before contact? What best describes their technological advancements? What best explains their limitations?
3. What methods did they use to assist with agricultural production?
4. In what ways did geography effect the development of Native Americans? Be sure to provide specific examples.

African Culture:

1. What resources/products led to the rise of West African Trade Civilizations?
2. What problems/issues did the smaller kingdoms have?
3. What parts of the world were connected with Trans-Saharan Trade networks? What issues did this trade system have?
4. What started the Coastal Trade system? How did that change interactions between the Europeans and West Africa?

Origins of Exploration:

1. What are the Three G's?
2. How did the Silk Road and the Crusades help motivate exploration?
3. How did religious conflict spur the desire to explore?
4. Why did new Nation-States want to explore?
5. What were the parts of the world connected by the Columbian Exchange? Describe the plants/food and animals from each region.
6. What diseases were spread by the Columbian Exchange? What effect did they have on the Americas?

Clash of Cultures:

1. What civilization did Hernan Cortez defeat? What factors/reasons allowed for him to defeat them?
2. What civilization did Francisco Pizarro defeat? What factors/reasons allowed him to defeat them?
3. How did Spanish help create the cultural foundation of Latin American and South America?
4. What impact did the mining of Gold have on the Spanish in the short term and long term?
5. What were the long and short term causes for the war between the Spanish and English?
6. How did the defeat of the Spanish Armada change exploration?