Chapter 1 Reading Guide “The World before 1492” pages 2-25

* 1. pages 2-8

1. Explain the Bering Land Bridge.
2. Who were the Clovis people?
3. What makes the Clovis spear tip such an important discovery?
4. What caused these people to walk or sail to this new land?

Explain the similarities and differences between the Anazazi and the Cahokia.

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| 1. Similarities | 1. Differences |

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1. What are three things most Native American tribes had in common?
2. How was climate and geography so influential to Indian societies?
3. How did the Hopi and Pueblo Indians adapt to the environment of the Southwest?
4. What most likely caused the end of the Cahokia tribe?
5. How did the change in climate affect the Mississippi Valley tribes after the Cahokia?
6. How did the climate and geography affect tribes in the Pacific Northwest?
7. What was the Iroquois Confederacy?
8. How were the Aztecs able to maintain such a large empire?
9. What separated the Mayans from all other Indian tribes?
10. What are the main similarities between the Aztec, Mayan, and Incan civilizations?
11. Why were most tribes unable to unite in resistance of the Europeans?
12. How did Tribal warfare differ from European style warfare?
    1. pages 16-19
13. What caused the Viking contact in North America to fall apart?
14. How did the Black Death affect European life?
15. What was life like for the average European in the 1400s?
16. How did the Ottoman Empire affect European trade?
17. How did Portugal use exploration to increase their power and prestige?
18. Why was most of Europe unable to explore like Portugal and Spain had done early on?
19. What was the Reconquista?
20. In what ways was the mixing of Islamic and Spanish cultures important for the rest of the world?
    1. pages 20-23
21. How was trade the backbone of the relationship between African Nations and European nations?
22. Why was slavery such an important part of the African economy?
    1. pages 23-25
23. How were Asian empires different from empires in the rest of the world?
24. Why was Asia left out of the colonization of the New World?