Chapter 2 Reading Guide: First Encounters, First Conquests 28 – 60

2.1 pages 28-38

1. What were Columbus’s motives for making his four voyages?

2. Why did native populations decline so rapidly after 1492?

3. Why was Amerigo Vespucci’s voyage different than Columbus?

4. Explain the Treaty of Tordesillas.

5. How did America get its name?

6. How did European diseases, especially smallpox, effect the natives?

7. Explain what the Silk Road is why new trade routes were needed.

8. Create a chart showing what goods were exchanged through the Columbian Exchange.

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| Plants from the Americas to Europe, Africa, and Asia | Plants from Europe, Africa, and Asia to the Americas | Animals from the Americas to Europe, Africa, and Asia | Animals from Europe, Africa, and Asia to the Americas |
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9. How was Cortes able to create the capital of New Spain?

10. Why was the Spanish conquest of the Aztec and Inca Empires possible?

11. Bartolome de Las Casas and the conquistadores writings did what for the Indians?

2.2 pages 39 – 41

12. On behalf of Spain, what was Christopher Columbus’s reason for conquering America?

13. What was the significance of Martin Luther’s Ninety-Five theses?

14. How did the Protestant Reformation split religious beliefs?

15. How did Gutenberg’s printing press help Luther’s Protestant Reformation?

16. Why was the idea of nation-states such a radical idea in the 14th and 15th century?

17. Explain the Peace of Augsburg in 1555 and the Treaty of Westphalia.

2.3 pages 41-48

18. Why did the French, led by Ponce de Leon, try to colonize Florida?

19. Explain why the Narvaez expedition was a failure?

20. Why were De Vaca’s expeditions inspiration to future explorers?

21. How did the Pueblos respond to early Spanish efforts to find gold in the Seven Cities of Cibola?

22. Where did the De Soto’s Expedition travel in America?

23. What did the De Soto voyage and the Cabrillo voyage have in common?

24. Why was St. Augustine able to be conquered by the Spanish as the first city in America?

2.4 pages 49 – 54

25. How were the expeditions of Verrazano and Cartier similar?

26. How did the French exploration differ from the Spanish?

2.5 pages 54- 55

27. Explain the three major religious groups that were in England during the 1500’s.

28. What were some major accomplishments of England under Elizabeth I?

29. Why is Roanoke known as the “Lost Colony”?

30. Why did contemporaries see most of the European expeditions in North America during the 1500’s as a failure?