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Mankind: The Story of All of Us

Episode 8: "New World"

Vikings in America

00:00 – 7:26

1. When the Vikings arrived in America, what tribe did they find?
2. Describe what happened between the Vikings and the tribe in question 1.

Tenochtitlan of the Aztecs

7:26 – 16:43

3. Why did the Aztecs prefer to take their captives alive?
4. The Aztec's weapon was made of obsidian. Tlahuicole was made of feathers. Why do you think the Aztec's did it this way?
5. The Aztecs didn't only enjoy fighting. What else did their civilization admire?
6. What did the Aztecs believe they would get for sacrificing Tlahuicole's heart to the sun god Huitzilopochtli?

Siege of Constantinople

16:43 – 25:35

7. Why was Constantinople so prosperous and powerful?
8. Sultan Mehmet II's big challenge was to take down the walls of Constantinople. To do this, he used non-stop artillery bombardment. Describe this attack.
9. Once their key trade route fell to the Ottomans, how did the Europeans respond?

Bartholomew Diaz and the Cape of Good Hope

25:35 – 31:53

10. What advantage does a triangular lateen sail have?

11. What is an ocean gyre?

Christopher Columbus Meets the Taino

31:54 – 37:11

12. What things interested Columbus the most in his first meeting with the Taino?

13. What major problem did the Europeans introduce into the Americas?

Hernan Cortes and His Conquest of the Aztecs

37:11 – 44:11

14. Cortes was invited into Montezuma's throne room. What was his plan?

15. The Aztecs held a revolt against their captive emperor. Cortes tried to get Montezuma to stop the revolt. How did that work out?

16. More than any other weapon, _____ helped Cortes defeat the Aztecs.