

"America – Before Columbus"

Video Guide Part I

Directions: Questions go in order with the film. Make sure to read and answer the questions thoroughly.

1) What types of natural wealth were in the Americas before Europeans arrived?

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Europe

2) How did the nobles in Europe gain their wealth?

What problem has occurred in the 1400s with obtaining more of this wealth?

3) How large is the population of Europe? _____
What is the problem with the large population?

4) What do most people in Europe eat?

5) What two things allowed the European population to grow?

6) What are the "Big 5"?

The Americas

7) How many people are living in the Americas? _____

8) What type of people live along the Mississippi River? _____
What made this group so successful?

9) What is so special about this crop?

How did it develop?

Mesoamerica

10) What food fueled the Incan civilization and allowed it to grow?

11) How did this food protect against crop failure and famine?

What farming method did the Inca use?

12) What domestic animal do the Inca use? _____
What did they use the animal for if not farming?

13) What animal is domesticated and used by the Aztec? _____

Hunting

14) What do Native Americans notice about growing grasses on the Plains?

What other benefits does this domestication of the land have besides growing?

15) What animal is the main source of food, clothing and tools on the Plains? _____

16) How do Native Americans hunt large animals? Describe the process and tools

17) What is different about hunting in Europe?

18) What do many people eat in Europe for protein? _____

What problem develops with this natural resource?

Other regions

19) What types of resources come from the Amazon basin?

20) What are the Anasazi known for making? _____

21) What happened to the Anasazi's environment? Did they have a hand in this decline? Explain

No agriculture means no _____

22) What is Europe's most important and most used natural resource? _____

What is this resource used for?

23) What is the richest city in Europe? _____

How do they overuse the resource?