

"America – Before Columbus"

Video Guide Part II

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

Europe

- 1) What major invention helped spread ideas around Europe?
- 2) Some explorers try to go around _____ to find the sea route to India.

Explorers – Columbus

- 3) Who decides to finance Columbus' trip into the unknown? What do they have to gain from the exploration?
- 4) What type of men agree to sail with Columbus?
- 5) What is missing from the "India" that Columbus thinks he found?
- 6) How much bigger are the American continents than Europe? _____
- 7) What does Columbus describe that he has found in his letter to Isabella?

Spanish Conquistadors

- 8) What type of men become desperados or conquistadors?
- 9) What animal do the Spanish bring that did not exist in the Americas? _____
- 10) How long does it take for the Spanish to wipe out the mighty empires of the Aztecs and the Inca?
- 11) What new breed is formed from a few wild Spanish horses? _____
- 12) How many horses are there after only 150 years? _____
- 13) How does the introduction of the horse change life for Native Americans of the Plains?

Introductions to the Americas

- 14) What do conquistadors like Hernando deSoto go north looking for? _____
- 15) What other new animal is introduced into the Americas? _____
 - a. Why were they brought?
- 16) What is the problem with pigs for the Native Americans?
- 17) What do the pigs do to adapt to being wild in North America?
 - a. How many pigs are there after only 20 years? _____

Death to the Natives

- 18) What were some of the symptoms and problems resulting from small pox?
- 19) What do the Spaniards believe about God and the disease?
- 20) What are the estimates of those Natives that die of smallpox? _____
 - a. Do people have to have contact with Europeans to contract the disease?
- 21) How does this disease help the Spanish, and later Europeans, to conquer the Americas?

Brought Back to Europe

- 22) What types of plants and crops are brought to Europe that were unknown before the discovery of the Americas?
- 23) What disease are Europeans exposed to by their contact with the Native Americans?

England strips the Americas

- 24) In 1607 the English start a colony in the area known as _____
 - a. Their town is called _____ after their king.
- 25) What is a main resource can be found in North America? – since there was no gold or silver
 - a. What problem does this cause in only 200 years after discovery/colonization?
- 26) What other resource did they find to replace another necessity that they had used up in Europe?
- 27) What do the English use the forests for?

New settlers-

- 28) What are some of the reasons that people come to live, and not just to take, from the Americas?
- 29) What are some new items that the English bring to North America?
- 30) What unintended changes in the Americas come with the new agriculture?
- 31) What is one of the cheapest foods in the Americas? _____
- 32) What types of trees to Europeans bring from home?

Changing cultures -

- 33) What is the exchange of plants, goods, and diseases called? _____
- 34) What crop takes over cultivation in Europe? _____
- 35) How does this crop help the Irish? And later the rest of the European population?
- 36) What are some of the luxury products that come from the Americas?
- 37) How to settlers in the Americas satisfy the demand for these goods?
- 38) In the “New World” what percentage of Native Americans died as a result of European arrival?