

CHAPTER 1: READING GUIDE-NEW WORLD BEGINNINGS: 33, 000 B.C.— A.D. 1769

Introduction

Define: Old World, New World

1. What conditions existed in what is today the United States that made it "fertile ground" for a great nation?

The Shaping of North America

Define: Appalachian Mountains, Tidewater Region, Rocky Mountains, Great Basin, Great Lakes, Missouri-Mississippi-Ohio River System

2. Speculate how at least one geographic feature affected the development of the United States.

Peopling the Americas

Define: Land Bridge

3. "Before the arrival of Europeans, the settlement of the Americas was insignificant." Assess this statement.

The Earliest Americans

Define: Maize, Aztecs, Incas, Pueblo, Mound Builders, Three-sister Farming, Cherokee, Iroquois

4. Describe some of the common features North American Indian culture.

Indirect Discoverers of the New World

Define: Finland, Crusaders, Venice, Genoa

5. What caused Europeans to begin exploring?

Europeans Enter Africa

Define: Marco Polo, Caravel, Bartholomeu Dias, Vasco da Gama, Ferdinand and Isabella, Moors

6. What were the results of the Portuguese explorations of Africa?

Columbus Comes upon a New World

Define: Columbus

7. What developments set the stage for "a cataclysmic shift in the course of history?"

When Worlds Collide

Define: Corn, Potatoes, Sugar, Horses, Smallpox

8. Explain the positive and negative effects of the Atlantic Exchange.

The Spanish Conquistadors

Define: Treaty of Tordesillas, Vasco Nunez Balboa, Ferdinand Magellan, Juan Ponce de Leon, Francisco Coronado, Hernando de Soto, Francisco Pizarro, *Encomienda*

9. Were the conquistadors great men? Explain.

Makers of America: The Spanish Conquistadors

Define: Granada, Moors, "Reconquista"

10. Were the *conquistadors'* motives successfully fulfilled? Explain.

The Conquest of Mexico

Define: Hernan Cortes, Tenochtitlan, Montezuma, *Mestizos*

11. Why was Cortes able to defeat the powerful Aztecs?

The Spread of Spanish America

Define: John Cabot, Giovanni da Verazano, Jacques Cartier, St. Augustine, New Mexico, Pope's Rebellion, Mission Indians, Black Legend

12. What is the "Black Legend," and to what extent does our text agree with it?