

AP World History

Early Modern Questions: Use Chapters 16-19 to answer the following questions.

On your own piece of paper answer the following questions in complete sentences. Answers will be due on February 15/16.

Exploration:

1. Who was Zheng He?
2. What two nations changed the course of world history through its maritime revolutions?
3. Why did the Spanish want to expand overseas?
4. Why did the Portuguese get into the exploration game?
5. Why is Prince Henry of Portugal important?
6. Why was the development of the caravel such a big deal?
7. What were some of the “returns” for the Portuguese in exploration?
8. Who were da Gama and Dias?
9. What was Magellan’s goal?
10. How did the rulers of Benin in West Africa limit their contact with the Portuguese?
11. What was the main difference between the Portuguese Empire and the Spanish Empire?
12. Who were the first American Indians to have contact with the Spanish?
13. Who conquered the Aztecs? Incas?

Transformation of the West:

1. How did the basic tenets of Lutheranism and Calvinism differ from Catholicism? What was the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation?
2. What led to the absolute monarchy period of history?
3. How did the armies of this time become stronger?
4. What caused the rapid increase in witch hunts during this time? Why were so many of the accused women?
5. What were two major elements in the intellectual revolution, and who were some of the individuals involved?
6. What is an “indulgence”?
7. Martin Luther insisted that the only way to salvation was through what?
8. What did Martin Luther do in 1517?
9. What is predestination, and who preached it?
10. What did Ignatius of Loyola found?
11. Who ruled the Holy Roman Empire, and did anyone really care?
12. What did H.R.E. Emperor Charles V allow German princes to do in 1555?
13. What strengthened royal power in Europe?
14. What was the Edict of Nantes?
15. What is “absolutism”?
16. What is “constitutionalism”?
17. Who had Versailles constructed?
18. Who replaced Charles I? Why?
19. What was the Glorious Revolution?
20. Tell me five important things about the Spanish Armada.
21. How was Great Britain formed?
22. Why did the Netherlands revolt against Spain?
23. What was the greatest trading nation in the 17th century?
24. What does “bourgeoisie” mean?
25. How did China and Europe view themselves geographically?

26. What was the main difference in the thinking of those involved in the Scientific Revolution?
27. Who first placed the sun at the center of the universe?
28. What happened to Galileo?
29. What was the main idea of the Enlightenment?
30. What did John Lock challenge in his writings?

American Colonization

1. Explain the Columbian Exchange.
2. Describe the colonial societies established in the Americas.
3. Why did the French and English colonize the Americas almost a century after the Spanish and Portuguese?
4. Compare the different colonial regions established in British North America.
5. Explain the idea of “guns, germs, and steel” in relation to the New World.
6. What was the Council of the Indies?
7. What did the Viceroyalty of New Spain encompass in 1535?
8. Who defended the Indians in the early colonial period?
9. What was an encomienda?
10. What crops were grown in the New World? What was mined?
11. Describe the social classes in the New World.
12. What was the first English colony in the Americas?
13. What is the difference between a slave and an indentured servant?
14. Describe the Puritans. What colony did they found in the Americas?
15. Who founded Pennsylvania?
16. Who were the coureurs de bois?
17. What caused the French and Indian War? What is the European name for this war?
18. What were the results of this war?
19. Who was Tupac Amaru II?
20. What was the goal of the English Navigation Acts?
21. What country controlled what in the New World?