

AMERICAS & EXPLORATION REVIEW

Directions: Answer the questions below using your class materials, notes, and the textbook. In order to save you time, I have indicated in parentheses next to each question where in the above sources you can find answers. Go there before looking online. If you have misplaced any notes or class materials, you can find them on mrcaseyhistory.com. Answer all questions on loose leaf. You do NOT need to rewrite the question, but make sure to have your name, the assignment title, and the numbers of each question on your loose leaf. If you have any questions, email me at pcasey@maspethhighschool.org. (Note: PP stands for PowerPoint)

1. What two alternative theories have been proposed by archaeologists regarding how the first human beings arrived in the Americas? (America's Early People Article, Chapter 6 Section 1)
2. In what ways were the Maya and Aztec civilizations similar? Give two examples. (Chapter 6 Section 1, Mesoamerican Civilization PP)
3. How was the Mesoamerican ballgame used for purposes other than just sports? (Mesoamerican Ball Game)
4. How did the Maya civilization collapse? (Chapter 6 Section 1, Mesoamerican Civilization PP)
5. How did the Aztecs modify their environment to increase agricultural production? (Chinampas DBQ, Chapter 6 Section 1)
6. Where are the Andes Mountains located? What civilization lived in this region? (Chapter 6 Section 2, Andean Civilizations And The Inca Empire PP)
7. What technological advances allowed the Inca to become a strong and organized empire? Give at least two examples. (Advances Of The Inca, Chapter 6 Section 2)
8. Why were European explorers of the 15th century so eager to find a direct sea route to the Indian Ocean? (Showdown 15th Century Mariners, Chapter 14 Section 1)
9. How did the expansion of the Ottoman Empire lead to the discovery of the Americas by Columbus? Describe each step in the chain of events!!! (Chapter 14 Section 1, Asian Encounters)
10. In what way was Vasco da Gama successful where Columbus had failed? Describe the route that Vasco da Gama took. (Showdown 15th-Century Mariners, Chapter 14 Section 1)
11. What is the difference between the East Indies and the West Indies? Where is each one located on the map? (Chapter 14 Section 1, Chapter 14 Section 2, Showdown 15th Century Mariners)
12. What was one positive effect and one negative effect of the Columbian Exchange for the Old World? (The Columbian Exchange, Chapter 15 Section 5)
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14. Why were Native Americans so vulnerable to European diseases? (The Columbian Exchange, Chapter 15 Section 1)
15. What do Francisco Pizarro and Hernan Cortes have in common? (Chapter 15 Section 1)
16. What part of the New World was conquered by the Portuguese? (Chapter 14 Section 1)
17. When the Spanish colonized Latin America, they created a racial division of society known as the Casta System. Draw a pyramid diagram representing the six main groups (Peninsulares, Creoles, Mestizos, Mulattoes, Native Americans, Africans) along with their definitions for the first four. (Chapter 15 Section 2, Reshaping The New World Documents)
18. What was the Encomienda System? In what ways was it similar to slavery? In what ways was it different? (Chapter 15 Section 2, Reshaping The New World Documents)
19. The triangular trade took place between Europe Africa and the Americas. What were the main types of products transported on each leg of the trade? (Slavery in the New World PP, chapter 15 section 4)
20. What was the Middle Passage? Why did so many slaves die during the journey? (Chapter 15 Section 4, The Slave Experience)
21. Europeans worked with African slave traders to conduct the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Why would it have been impossible for Europeans to do this without help from Africans? Give two reasons. (Confronting The Legacy Of The African Slave Trade)
22. Africans sold other Africans into slavery. Does that automatically mean that Africans sold "their own people" into slavery? Why or why not? (Confronting The Legacy Of The African Slave Trade)

23. How did the slave trade either benefit or harm African societies? (Ending The Slavery Blame Game, King Afonso I Letter To King John III Of Portugal, Chapter 14 Section 2)
24. In economic terms, what is inflation? (Chapter 15 Section 5)
25. What is the main goal of mercantilism? How is that goal achieved? (Mercantilism DBQ, Chapter 15 Section 5)
26. What role do colonies play in a mercantilist economy? (Mercantilism DBQ, Chapter 15 Section 5)