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Unit 4 Reading Packet

**Topic 4.1 Reading Check**

1. Why are the Silk Road and Indian Ocean trade routes not considered “global” trade routes? What event led to the first truly global trade routes?
2. What led to the establishment of the maritime empires?
3. What regions were linked by the trans-Atlantic trade route system?
4. What caused Europe to begin exploring? Include demographic pressures, primogeniture laws, and religious conflict in Europe.
5. In what ways was Europe connected to Africa and Asia prior to European exploration?
6. Why did Europeans increasingly participate in the Indian Ocean trade system in the 16th century?
7. What was the Omani-European rivalry? How did it lead to Europeans exploring westward?
8. What are the European maritime empires?
9. How did Europe advance its naval technology and knowledge?
10. Who was Prince Henry the Navigator? What are his contributions to European exploration?
11. How did the following advancements increase naval safety: knowledge of gravity, astronomical chart, stern rudder, astrolabe, compass, lateen sail, new ship designs such as the caravel?
12. What are the long-term results of increasing naval technology by the late 1400s?

**Topic 4.2 Reading Check**

1. What were the political and economic reasons for exploration?
2. Why did Italian cities have a monopoly on trade of Asian goods in Europe?
3. Who is credited with “discovering” the New World?
4. How did conquests bring new wealth to states?
5. How were rivalries and religion motivating forces for European exploration?
6. Why were states involved in maritime exploration?
7. Describe mercantilism.
8. Describe Portugal’s role in early European exploration. Who were Prince Henry the Navigator, Bartholomew Diaz, and Vasco Da Gama?
9. Why did China’s exploration efforts end?
10. Describe Portugal’s entry to Indian Ocean trade. How did Portuguese exploration impact China?
11. What is a trading post empire? Why is Portugal’s maritime empire considered a trading post empire?
12. What elements made Portugal’s empire vulnerable?
13. What was the impact of Portuguese exploration to Japan?
14. Which nation was the first to circumnavigate the globe? Which explorer is credited with the circumnavigation? Did he really make it all the way around the world?
15. What is annexation? Which area of Indian Ocean trade did the Spanish annex?
16. What is the significance of Manila in Spanish exploration?
17. What was the religious impact of Spanish exploration in the Philippines?
18. What rekindled Europe’s interest in exploration after little initial success?
19. What was slavery’s impact on continued exploration?
20. What is a galleon?
21. What was silver’s role in the global economy?
22. What was the northwest passage?
23. Who was Jacques Cartier? What did he accomplish?
24. Who was Samuel de Champlain? What did he accomplish?
25. What were the French goals for exploration?
26. What is the significance of Quebec?
27. Who was La Salle? What did he accomplish?
28. How was French exploration different from English and Spanish exploration?
29. Who was John Cabot? What did he accomplish?
30. What is a sea dog?
31. How did English victory over the Spanish Armada change global naval power?
32. What is the significance of Jamestown?
33. Where were the first colonies in present-day USA located?
34. Who was Henry Hudson? What did he accomplish?
35. What is the significance of New Amsterdam?
36. What caused many port cities to prosper?

**Topic 4.3 Reading Check**

1. How does the Aztec poem illustrate the impact of Spanish conquest on the New World?
2. What helped cause the natives’ downfall?
3. Describe the Columbian Exchange’s global impact.
4. Why were natives susceptible to European diseases?
5. What helped Europeans conquer the New World?
6. What is a conquistador?
7. What is small pox and how is it spread?
8. What animals helped spread disease in the New World and what diseases were spread?
9. What was the impact of disease on the New World?
10. Describe the Mesoamerican diet pre-contact.
11. What was the impact of the horse on the New World?
12. Why did Africa’s population grow in the 16th and 17th centuries despite the slave trade?
13. Which commodity did Spain initially export from the New World?
14. List the cash crops grown in the New World.
15. How did cash crops such as sugar lead to the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade?
16. Describe the African Diaspora in terms of language, music, and food.
17. Create a diagram showing the transfer of foods, diseases, and animals to and from the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.
18. What was the environmental impact of conquest?

**Topic 4.4 Reading Check**

1. Why did Europe develop empires?
2. Compare Europe’s role in trade with Asia vs. trade with the Americas.
3. What was the impact of the growth of the plantation economy?
4. What is indentured servitude?
5. What is chattel slavery?
6. What served as the foundation of the maritime empires?
7. How did Portugal set up trading post colonies?
8. What was the Kingdom of Dahomey’s role in the slave trade?
9. How did the Portuguese enter Indian Ocean trade? What was the impact of their entry?
10. Why did Japan limit European trade? How did the Japanese view Europeans?
11. Compare China and Japan’s paths to isolationism.
12. What empires had claims to India?
13. How did the British East India Company conquer India?
14. What was the British Global Network?
15. How did Hernan Cortes conquer the Aztec Empire?
16. How did Francisco Pizarro conquer the Inca Empire?
17. How did the Treaty of Tordesillas divide the world?
18. What territories did Spain conquer/control?
19. Describe the competition between France and Britain.
20. What changes and continuities occurred regarding Indian Ocean trade during the Early Modern period?
21. What is Hispaniola?
22. Describe the encomienda system.
23. Who were conquistadors?
24. Describe the hacienda system.
25. How did the encomienda system differ from the hacienda system?
26. How did the discovery of silver impact Spain and the New World?
27. Describe mercantilism. How did it serve as a contributing cause of European exploration and conquest?
28. Describe the different types of labor systems in the Early Modern period.
29. What did slavery look like prior to European exploration of the Americas?
30. Why did Africa become the primary source of slaves in the Early Modern period?
31. What is a barracoon?
32. Describe the Middle Passage.
33. What were the impacts (social, cultural, and demographic) of the Atlantic Slave Trade?
34. Compare and contrast the Indian Ocean slave trade and the Atlantic Ocean slave trade.

**Topic 4.5 Reading Check**

1. How did maritime empires transform commerce?
2. What is capital?
3. How did capital impact laborers?
4. How did the Western hemisphere increase global capital?
5. Describe the Commercial Revolution and explain why it occurred.
6. What is a joint-stock company? What benefit did joint-stock companies provide?
7. What was the British East India Company?
8. What was the Dutch East India Company?
9. How did investing in France, England, and the Netherlands differ from that in Spain and Portugal?
10. What advantages did the Dutch enjoy in commerce and trade?
11. What is a financial bubble?
12. Describe the triangular trade.
13. What role did Morocco play in the Indian Ocean trade conflicts? What caused the collapse of the Songhai Empire in West Africa?
14. What is a monopoly?
15. Describe the changes and continuities in trade networks during this time period.
16. What were the effects of the Atlantic Slave Trade on gender relations, culture, economics, and warfare in Africa?
17. What political changes were the result of European conquest and colonization? Include viceroy and audiencia in your answer.
18. What cultural changes were the result of European conquest and colonization? Include creole, book, and language in your answer.
19. How did European conquest and colonization lead to syncretic belied systems in the Americas? Include Santeria, Vodun, Candomblé, Islam, and the Virgin of Guadalupe in your answer.
20. What caused the different religious conflicts in the Early Modern period?

**Topic 4.6 Reading Check**

1. What did the Fronde attempt?
2. What led to Metacom’s War?
3. Who was Queen Nzinga and what was her impact in Africa?
4. How did serfdom internally weaken Russia?
5. How did serfdom originally benefit Russia?
6. Contrast Russian serfdom with Western European serfdom.
7. What is a mir?
8. Who were the Cossacks?
9. Who was Yemelyan Pugachev and what was the impact of his rebellion?
10. What toppled Mughal rule in India?
11. Describe the Pueblo Revolt.
12. Describe the struggles for power both within England and its colonies:
    1. Maroon Wars and Queen Nanny
    2. Gloucester County Rebellion
    3. Metacom’s War
    4. Protestant vs. Catholic and the Glorious Revolution
13. Compare and contrast the internal and external challenges to the Russian, Portuguese, British, French, Spanish, and Indian powers.

**Topic 4.7 Reading Check**

1. Why did social hierarchies change in the Early Modern period?
2. How does the treatment of Jews demonstrate the different ways in which majority groups treated minority groups?
3. In what ways did states discriminate against groups?
4. What tensions existed in the Ottoman Empire between the military elites and the absolutist rulers?
5. How did the Ottoman Empire treat religious minorities?
6. Describe the religious toleration of the Mughal Empire.
7. What was the role of women in the Ottoman Empire?
8. Describe the social classes of the Ottoman Empire.
9. Who were the Barbery Pirates and what role did they play in the capture of slaves for the Ottoman Empire?
10. Describe the social hierarchies within Qing China.
11. What conflicts occurred between the Han and the Qing in China?
12. Who was Le Chengdong?
13. Who was Liu Liangzuo?
14. What is the nobility in Europe? What benefits did they enjoy?
15. How advances did the nobility enjoy in England and the Netherlands?
16. What losses did the nobility suffer in France?
17. Contrast the views of King Louis XIV and Frederick of Prussia regarding the role of the monarch.
18. What are Sephardic Jews?
19. What are Ashkenazi Jews?
20. How did the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment benefit the Jews?
21. Describe the Russian social hierarchy. Who were the boyars? Who were the serfs?
22. Who was Ivan IV?
23. What impacted the social hierarchies of the Americas in this period?
24. How did skin color come to play a role in social status in the Americas?
25. Describe the casta system of Latin America. Include the peninsulares, criollos, mestizos, mulattos, and sambos