Unit 1 Study Guide

All test questions are derived from the key terms list and the questions on this study guide.

1. What is the major theory for how people first arrived in the Americas?
2. How did the agricultural revolution impact civilization in the Americas?
3. What were the benefits and problems of large civilizations in Mesoamerica?
4. Describe the culture of the Mayans and Aztecs.
5. How did climate and food sources impact culture in present-day United States?
6. What were the benefits and problems of nomadic cultures in present-day United States?
7. What was the Iroquois Confederacy and what was its purpose?
8. What is a confederacy?
9. What is meant by the terms “Old World” and “New World”?
10. What causes Europeans to start exploring the oceans?
11. What were the major accomplishments of Portugal’s exploration?
12. What were the major accomplishments of Spain’s exploration?
13. What happened on October 12, 1492?
14. What were the major things exchanged in the Columbian Exchange?
15. What did the “Old World” bring to the “New World” in the Columbian Exchange that would have a major impact on the future United States?
16. What was the purpose of the Treaty of Tordesillas and what was its impact?
17. Describe what happened between Cortes and the Aztecs.
18. What were the positive consequences of Spain’s exploration of the Americas?
19. Describe French exploration of the Americas.
20. Why did Spain and England go to war?
21. How does mercantilism work?
22. How did mercantilism make European countries want to form colonies in the Americas?
23. How did the fall of the Spanish Armada impact colonization of the Americas?
24. What factors made the English want to settle in America?
25. Describe the early failures of English settlement in America.
26. How did joint-stock companies help the English settle America?
27. What is significant about the charter given to the Virginia Company?
28. What was Jamestown and why did it struggle initially?
29. What enabled Jamestown to survive?
30. What was the House of Burgesses?
31. What labor was used for cultivating tobacco in the Chesapeake colonies?
32. What is the difference between how the Spanish, French, and English got along with Indians?
33. What is the difference between a royal colony and a proprietary colony?
34. Why was Maryland settled?
35. What did the Act of Toleration do?
36. What is the difference between Puritans and Separatists?
37. What is significant about the Mayflower Compact?
38. Describe the major events of the Plymouth colony.
39. Describe the major events of the Massachusetts Bay colony.
40. How did the General Court operate in Massachusetts Bay colony?
41. What happened to Roger Williams?
42. What happened to Anne Hutchinson?
43. What is significant about the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut?
44. What caused King Philip’s War?
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46. Describe Dutch settlement in America.
47. What did Quakers believe?
48. Who settled in Pennsylvania and how was it different from other colonies?
49. Describe South Carolina colony.
50. Describe North Carolina colony.
51. What was the purpose of Georgia colony?
52. Describe the Southern geography and how it impacted the economy.
53. Describe the different parts Southern colonial social structure.
54. Who were indentured servants and how did they relate to the headright system?
55. Why was there tension between wealthy planters and indentured servants?
56. What caused Bacon’s Rebellion?
57. What were the effects of Bacon’s Rebellion?
58. Describe New England geography and how it impacted the economy.
59. What was the structure and purpose of New England towns?
60. What was the purpose of education in New England?
61. How did New England colonial government work?
62. How were the Northern and Southern parts of America different? How did this create future tension?
63. What were the parts of triangular trade?
64. What was the “middle passage”?
65. How did trade impact the colonies?
66. What was the role of women in the colonies?
67. What were the slave codes and what was their purpose?
68. What were slave conditions like and how did slaves resist their treatment?
69. What happened in the Stono Rebellion?
70. What groups besides the English immigrated to the English colonies?
71. How did the colonial birth rate and immigration impact the relationship between the colonies and England?
72. What was the purpose of the Navigation Acts?
73. How did colonists resist the Navigation Acts?
74. What was the Dominion of New England and how did it impact the relationship between the colonies and England?
75. What happened in the Glorious Revolution?
76. What was the Enlightenment?
77. What did John Locke believe?
78. What did Baron Montesquieu believe?
79. What was significant about the Zenger case?
80. What was the impact of the Great Awakening?
81. What did Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield do?
82. How did the Great Awakening impact churches in the colonies?
83. How did the Enlightenment relate to Americans eventually considering independence from England?
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