

Unit 1: Pre-Columbian to Early Colonization

1491-1607

Content/Topics:

- American Indian Societies
- Migration patterns of American Indians
- Spanish Colonization
- Columbian Exchange
- Encomienda System
- Slave Trade

Essential Questions:

1. How did environment and geography determine the development of the different tribes of the Americas?
2. What caused/allowed European nations to begin exploring the “New World” when they did?
3. What impact did European colonization have on both the Native Americans and Africans as well as on the Europeans themselves?
4. What kind of political, economics, and social structures did the Spanish use to colonize the Americas?
5. How did the Spanish, French, and English differ in their colonization methods and interaction with Native Americans and/or Africans?
6. How did Native Americans and Africans react to the encroachments of the Europeans?

Required Reading: AMSCO

- Chapter 1 – A New World of Many Cultures, 1491-1607

Textbook Reading: The American Pageant

- Chapter 1 – New World Beginnings
- Chapter 2 – The Planting of English America

Vocabulary:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incas• Aztecs• Mayas• Nation-states• Three-sister farming• Plantation• Columbian Exchange• Treaty of Tordesillas• Encomienda | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mestizos• Conquistadores• Ferdinand and Isabella• Pope Rebellion• Maize• Slave trade• Pueblos• Lakota Sioux• Nomadic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hernan Cortés• Moctezuma• Christopher Columbus• Algonquian• Iroquois Confederation• Bartolomé de Las Casas• Valladolid Debate• Juan Ginés de Sepúlveda |
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Learning Targets:

Self-evaluation – Rank yourself for each target – could you teach the target easily to someone else?

3. Got it

2. Almost

1. Not yet

Target	Theme/Skill	Self-Eval
1.1 Explain the context for European encounters in the Americas from 1491-1607	CCOT	
1.2 Explain how and why various native populations in the period from European contact interacted with the natural environment in North America	Geography & the Environment – GEO	
1.3 Explain the causes of exploration and conquest of the New World by various European nations	America in the World – WOR	
1.4 Explain causes of the Columbian Exchange and its effect on Europe and the Americas during the period	Geography & the Environment – GEO	

1.5 Explain how the growth of the Spanish Empire in North America shaped the development of social and economic structures over time	Social Structures – SOC	
1.6 Explain how and why European and Native American perspectives of others developed and changed in the period	America in the World - WOR	
1.7 Explain the effects of the development of transatlantic voyages from 1491 – 1607	Causation	