

# Chapter 24: New Worlds Reading Questions

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## **Eyewitness – p. 523**

1. Who was Doña Marina? Give two reasons why she is important to history.

## **Colliding Worlds – p. 524**

2. At first, Columbus wanted to establish forts and trading posts where merchants could trade with local peoples for things like silks or spices. Why did they not do this?
3. When Columbus's first plan (see question 2) failed, the Spanish decided to mine gold. To do so, they established the *encomienda* system. In the *encomienda* system, what do the Spanish get to do and what do they have to provide for the natives in exchange?
4. What happened to the Taíno in the end?
5. When the mining of gold failed, what did the Spanish begin to do to try and earn money?

## **The Conquest of Mexico and Peru – p. 527**

6. Popular myth has Cortés's tiny force defeating the Aztecs due to superior military technology and Aztec myth. How was Cortés actually able to defeat the Aztecs?
7. How was Pizarro's tiny force able to conquer the Inca?

## **Iberian Empires in the Americas – p. 528**

8. Viceroys led the Spanish colonies. How did the Spanish royals curb the power of the viceroys?
9. What did the Treaty of Tordesillas do?
10. Some parts of America functioned very similar to Europe; others maintained their indigenous cultures. What kind of areas did each?

## **Settler Colonies in North America – p. 531**

11. Draw a small, terribly inaccurate map that roughly outlines the American colonial holdings of each European empire. Alternately, list the American colonies each European nation founded.
12. Why was life difficult for these other settlers?
13. English colonies in particular were not founded by the royals, but by joint-stock companies. How did this affect their governments?
14. Why did Europeans clash with natives?

## **Colonial Society in the Americas – p. 533**

15. Of the European territories in the Americas, which ones became multicultural societies, where people of mixed ancestry lived together?
16. Mestizo means "mixed." What is a mestizo?
17. What are the zambos of Brazil?

18. Who was at the top and bottom of the social hierarchies?
19. Women in the American colonies lived in patriarchal societies. Their experiences within that society differed, however, based on...
20. How did the English settlers treatment of the natives differ from that of the Iberians (Spanish/Portuguese – from the Iberian Peninsula), especially with regards to marriage?

#### **Mining and Agriculture in the Spanish Empire – p. 534**

21. What were the two major New World silver mines?
22. At Potosi, Spanish administrators adopted the Incan *mita* system. Describe this system.
23. What happened to the American silver once it left America?
24. What was a hacienda?
25. As time passed, the *repartimiento* system replaced the *encomienda* system. Describe the *repartimiento* system (note: The authors do not use the word *repartimiento*, but they describe it well. Find it by looking for the end of the *encomienda* system).

#### **Sugar and Slavery in Portuguese Brazil – p. 536**

26. Why does Brazil have many more people of African descent than Mexico or Peru?

#### **Fur Traders and Settlers in North America – p. 537**

27. How did the European hunt for beavers lead to American Indian wars?
28. Why did settlers pose more of a problem for native populations than fur traders?
29. Besides sugar, what cash crops was grown in the Americas?
30. What is indentured labor?
31. The northern colonies did not have nearly as many slaves, but still prospered from slavery. How?

#### **Christianity and Native Religions in the Americas – p. 539**

32. Why did many Mexican leaders adopt Christianity?
33. Describe the Virgin of Guadalupe.

#### **Europeans in the Pacific – p. 541**

34. After what event did European peoples become seriously interested in Australia?
35. Britain first used Australia for what purpose?

#### **Pacific Islands and the Larger World –p. 541**

36. Before taking them over, for what purposes did the Spanish use the Pacific islands of Guam & the Marianas?
37. Captain Cook was killed by native Hawai`ians. Why were they fighting?