

1. What were the motivations beyond European exploration?
2. Where did Russia expand? What benefits did they gain from each area of expansion?

New exploration technology

3. How were existing regional trade networks impacted by new technologies?
4. What changes came to cartography and navigation that enabled European exploration?

New transoceanic maritime reconnaissance

5. What region(s) did Portugal explore? Why?
6. What is a trading-post empire? How did it affect the rulers of the nations in which trading posts were established?
7. What is a joint-stock company? How is a joint-stock approach different than traditional colonies?
8. Why did Columbus journey? What can we accurately say about his journey (he did not “discover” America)?
9. What regions did Spain explore?
10. Describe the Dutch Republic’s exploration, success, and ultimate failure.
11. Where/Why did France explore?
12. Where/Why did England explore?

Columbian Exchange

13. Define Columbian exchange.

14. What diseases spread in the Columbian exchange? How did they spread? How did it impact European notions of the New World?

15. Define cash crop, give a few examples, and explain the effects of cash crop agriculture on the environments in which they're grown.

16. What was the culinary impact of the Columbian exchange?

17. How did the foods of the Columbian exchange impact world populations?

Effects of European Trade

18. Describe a typical European/Indigenous person interaction.

19. What is mercantilism? How did it impact the number of colonies?

20. Describe European merchants' roles in Asian trade.

21. How did silver impact the global economy?

22. Competition: Privateers – What are privateers and what were their goals?

23. Competition: Seven Years' War – What were the impacts of the Seven Years' War?