

### **America Before Columbus Video Guide**

1. Where did Columbus' three ships land in the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was Columbus' dream/goal in 1491? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What country did Columbus sail for? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why is foreign trade in decline for Western Europe in the 1490s? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Who is Queen of Spain in 1491? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the population of Europe in the late 1400s? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What problems did Europe face then? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Most Europeans do what for a living? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the main item (staple) in the European diet? \_\_\_\_\_ ... made from harvesting?  
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10. What were the main sources of power for Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What 5 main domesticated animals help spur the agricultural revolution in Europe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What is the population of the Americas in the late 1400s? \_\_\_\_\_
13. The Mississippians were \_\_\_\_\_.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ was the staple crop of much of the Americas, including the Mississippians.
15. The Inca Empire was built in the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains of South America.
16. What was the true treasure of the Inca? \_\_\_\_\_
17. The Inca used \_\_\_\_\_ to grow crops more efficiently in the mountains.
18. What large domestic animal aided the Incans in transporting goods and was used for clothing?  
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19. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a key domesticated animal for the Aztecs.

20. How did Native Americans lure the bison close to their villages? \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. In the Americas, hunting was about \_\_\_\_\_, but in Europe, hunting was about \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Europeans depended on \_\_\_\_\_, in place of their lacking meat supply.
23. What happened to the fish in and around Europe during the late 1400s? \_\_\_\_\_  
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24. Fish were \_\_\_\_\_ in the Americas.
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most voluminous river in the world and home to the America's largest fresh-water fish supply.
26. Environmental historians and scientists use \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about the Anasazi.
27. What year do historians believe the Anasazi abandoned the Chaco Canyon? \_\_\_\_\_
28. What was the greatest natural resource to Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What invention allows the rapid spread of books and ideas? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Why does Queen Isabella of Spain finance the Italian, Columbus, and his expedition west?  
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31. How long did it take Columbus' crew to cross the Atlantic? \_\_\_\_\_
32. Where did Columbus land? \_\_\_\_\_
33. How do the Americas compare in size to Europe? \_\_\_\_\_
34. What does Columbus tell Queen Isabella in his report upon his return? \_\_\_\_\_  
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35. Why did Columbus' letters about his voyage become best sellers in Europe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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36. What does Columbus' second expedition begin? \_\_\_\_\_
37. What motivated the conquest? \_\_\_\_\_
38. What two things make conquest much easier for Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_
39. How long did it take the Spanish to take out the Inca and Aztec civilizations? \_\_\_\_\_

40. What breed of horse conquered much of America prior to Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a blessing to the Europeans and a curse to the Natives.
42. What was the worst enemy for the Native Americans? \_\_\_\_\_
43. What is the conservative estimate for the smallpox mortality rate in the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
44. What disease is brought to Europe from the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
45. What European country eventually eclipses Spain in the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
46. What was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
47. What was the purpose of the Jamestown colony? \_\_\_\_\_
48. What Native American group lived in and around Jamestown? \_\_\_\_\_
49. What were the Americas most valuable for to Europeans? \_\_\_\_\_
50. How long did it take Europeans to overfish the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
51. What staple crop do Europeans bring to America to grow? \_\_\_\_\_
52. What animal replaces much of the bison? \_\_\_\_\_
53. What becomes a cheap food item, which leads to the Americas having the best-fed population in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
54. What European variety of insect helps European plants to dominate the American landscape? \_\_\_\_\_
55. What is the exchange that takes place between Europe and the Americas called? \_\_\_\_\_  
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56. The \_\_\_\_\_ caused a population explosion in much of Europe because it is a durable food source.
57. \_\_\_\_\_ were the only domesticated animals to wind up in Europe for use.
58. What two luxury products were highly demanded by Europe's upper class? \_\_\_\_\_
59. Why were slaves imported to the America's? \_\_\_\_\_  
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60. As much as \_\_\_\_\_ of the Native population was killed in the development of the New World.