Chapter 17 Study Guide

Age of Exploration

1. The more that European countries expanded in the Americas, the more they increased…
2. What did the Treaty of Tordesillas, signed in 1494, establish?
3. African people were captured and forcibly sent to the Americas as part of what trade?
4. What is the correct list of social classes in colonial Latin America from highest to lowest?
5. What could only *peninsulares* hold important government positions in Latin America?
6. Why was the *encomiendas system* a failure?
7. The Portuguese were the first to explore other lands because they had…
8. Why were enslaved Africans needed in the Caribbean islands?
9. What was social class in Latin America based on in the 1500s?
10. Vasco da Gama’s discovery of a route to India by sea proved to be…
11. Spanish and Portuguese kings appointed \_\_\_\_\_ to govern their colonies in Latin America.
12. How did the Portuguese and Spanish make money from their Latin American colonies?
13. The Dutch competed successfully for trade in Asia because of what factors?
14. What were the most important Latin American natural resources for Spain?
15. According to mercantilists, the prosperity of a nation depended on what factors?
16. What advantage did better weaponry give Spanish conquistadors over the Aztec and Incan Empires?
17. What other countries settled in the Americas, challenging the financial control enjoyed by the Spanish and Portuguese?
18. Why did the Catholic Church have so much influence in Latin America?
19. Europeans began to explore and expand in the 1500s because they wanted to do what? (three things)
20. What are the two purposes of a colony?