

The Americas before European Contact

Compare and contrast the different regions of North America with regard to native societies and their environments.

“Old World” meets “New World”

Describe the context of the Old World (Europe, Africa, and Asia) that prompted and allowed for European exploration in the late 15th Century.

What were the primary objectives of Spanish exploration and colonialism?

How did the Columbian Exchange affect both the Old and New Worlds?

How did the Spanish establish and maintain their new colonies? Consider political, economic, and social factors.

“Old World” meets “New World” (cont’d)

What role did religion play in Spanish colonial society?

Explain the development of African-based chattel slavery in the New World.