

AP US History Unit 1 PRACTICE Exam



1. What characteristic differentiated the cultures of the societies of the Plains and the East?
 - a. The societies in the Plains region were more warlike than the peaceful societies in the East.
 - b. The societies in the Plains region were more mobile due to the lack of natural resources and the societies in the East were able to develop more permanent settlements.
 - c. The Societies in the East were an extension of the maize cultivation society and those in the Plains were more agricultural.
 - d. The organization of Plains societies was more compatible with European than those in the East.
2. What type of economy dominated the Chinook and Klamath cultures?
 - a. A mix of foraging, fishing and hunting
 - b. One based on fur trade
 - c. One dominated by fishing and shell trade
 - d. One based on conquering neighboring tribes



3. The introduction of new crops, pathogens and livestock by the Spanish in the New World contributed most directly to which of the following trends?
 - a. The rapid increase in Native American nation-state building
 - b. The rapid decrease in the Native American population
 - c. The improved diet among Native American cultures due to the introduction of European crops
 - d. Decreased power and influence among European colonial powers due to overinvestment in the New World

4. What societal changes did this exchange of products inspire in Europe?
 - a. Decimation of native population led to increased demand for indentured servants and relieved the European recession.
 - b. The increased wealth spurred Protestant revolts in central Europe
 - c. New crops stimulated population growth in Europe
 - d. The increased wealth in Spain and Portugal led to a decrease in the Catholic Church's power and an increase in the power of the merchant class.

5. The above could be used as evidence to support a theory purporting which of the following claims?
 - a. The inflow of new products led to improvements in technology and more organized methods for conducting trade which led to changing economies in Europe and the Americas
 - b. The exchange of products was disproportionately in favor of Portugal as a primary importer and distributor of New World products.

- c. The introduction of new diseases into Eastern Europe was a mitigating factor in tensions that would eventually start the 7-years war.
- d. The introduction of new subsistence crops encouraged new migration in the lower colonies by English families.

“The Spaniards first set Sail to *America*, not for the Honour of God, or as Persons moved and merited thereunto by servent Zeal to the True Faith, nor to promote the Salvation of their Neighbours, nor to serve the King, as they falsely boast and pretend to do, but in truth, only stimulated and goaded on by insatiable Avarice and Ambition, that they might for ever Domineer, Command, and Tyrannize over the *West- Indians*, whose Kingdoms they hoped to divide and distribute among themselves. “

A Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indians
Bartolome de Las Casas (1542)

6. Which of the following evidence would best support de Las Casas’ comments?
 - a. Documents from the Catholic church showing a large increase in New World church construction during the 16th Century
 - b. Royal proclamations establishing Spanish colonies in the Caribbean
 - c. Census data showing a large decrease in the Native American population during the 1500s
 - d. Census data showing a large increase in the Mestizo population between 1500 and 1550
7. The continuation of the policies listed by de Las Casas directly led to what economic system?
 - a. The Encomienda system
 - b. Mercantilism
 - c. The triangle trade
 - d. North American Feudalism
8. Which of the following can be most closely tied to the criticisms de Las Casas raises?
 - a. The creation of laws preventing Spaniards from marrying or having relations with native women.
 - b. The domination of Catholicism in Spanish held territories
 - c. The enactment of laws protecting natives from abuse at the hands of conquistadors.
 - d. The expansion of the slave trade into the New World



9. What belief is most clearly demonstrated by the image above?
 - a. The belief that Spaniards were destined by God to dominate the North American continent.
 - b. European belief in white superiority over Africans and American Indians
 - c. The belief that Africans and American Indians would be equal if saved by religion.
 - d. The Puritan values of anti-slavery and democracy.

10. What evidence could prove this theory of conversion was less successful than Europeans believed at the time?
 - a. Africans and Native populations were considered equal in European society
 - b. The conversion of African and Native populations led them to question their treatment at the hands of the Europeans
 - c. Many Africans preserved varying degrees of linguistic, cultural, and religious autonomy
 - d. The domination of Catholicism in former Spanish colonies

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