

Map Discrimination

Using the maps and charts in Chapter 1, answer the following questions:

1. *Chronological Chart: The American Declaration of Independence* occurred exactly 169 years between what other two major events in American history?
2. *The First Discoverers of America*: When the first migrants crossed the Bering Land Bridge from Siberia to North America, approximately how many miles did they have to walk before they were south of the large ice caps to either side of the only open route? a) 200 miles b) 500 miles c) 2000 miles d) 3000 miles
3. *North American Indian Peoples at the Time of First Contact with Europeans*: List five Indian tribes that lived in each of the following regions of North America: (a) Southwest (b) Great Plains (c) Northeast (d) Southeast.
4. *Trade Routes with the East*: In the early European trading routes with Asia and the East Indies, what one *common* destination could be reached by the Middle Route, the Southern route, and da Gama's ocean route? a) Constantinople b) Persia c) China
5. *Principal Early Spanish Explorations and Conquests*: Of the principal Spanish explorers—Columbus, Balboa, de León, Cortés, Pizarro, de Soto, and Coronado—which four *never* visited the territory or territorial waters of the land that eventually became part of the United States?
6. *Spain's North American Frontier, 1542–1823*: A) What were the two easternmost Spanish settlements on the northern frontier of Spanish Mexico? B) About how many years was Mission San Antonio founded before the first Spanish settlements in California? a) 10 b) 25 c) 50 d) 100
7. *Principal Voyages of Discovery*:
 - A) Who was the first explorer of the Pacific Ocean?
 - B) According to the 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas, about how much of North America was allotted to the Portuguese? a) one-half b) one-third c) one-tenth d) none

Map Challenge

Using the text and the map of *North American Indian Peoples at the Time of First Contact with Europeans*, write a brief essay describing the geographical distributions of the more *dense* North American Indian populations at the time of European arrival. Include some discussion of why certain regions were densely populated and others less so.

PART III: APPLYING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED*

1. How did the geographic setting of North America—including its relation to Asia, Europe, and Africa—affect its subsequent history?
2. What were the common characteristics of all Indian cultures in the New World, and what were the important differences among them?
3. What fundamental factors drew the Europeans to the exploration, conquest, and settlement of the New World?
4. What was the impact on the Indians, Europeans, and Africans when each of their previously separate worlds “collided” with one another?
5. Should the European encounter with the Indian peoples of the Americas be understood primarily as a story of conquest and exploitation, or as one of mutual cultural encounter that brought beneficial as well as tragic results for both?