

Chapter 1 Questions

Name: _____

- 1) What was the name of the Aztec people? (Hint-It will play a role in the naming of the country)
- 2) What is meant by the term Cosmic Race when describing Mexicans?
- 3) Teotihuacan numbered about how many inhabitants around 500 CE?
- 4) Who was the plumed silver skinned God in Aztec lore that was similar to Kukulcan, the Mayan entity?
- 5) What nations are considered Iberian?
- 6) How did the Reconquista contribute to the New World Conquista?
- 7) What was the Noche Triste of July 1st, 1520?
- 8) Over the next century, what did the population of Mexico decline to? (About a 92% drop)
- 9) What is the encomienda system and how did it work?
- 10) Describe the Spanish power structure of New Spain?
Viceroy-
Audencia-
Corregidores
alcades mayores
encomenderos
- 11) What was the story of the Virgin Guadalupe?
- 12) What was the impact of De Las Casas "The Devastation of the Indies"?
- 13) What were palenques?
- 14) What commodities made New Spain the jewel of the Spanish Empire?
- 15) What were the Presidios of northern Mexico and what function did they serve?
- 16) Who was Antonio de Erauso and why is "he" called the warrior nun?

17) Why is Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz such an important figure in Mexican history?

18) By the late 1700's how did most of Europe view the Spanish Empire?

19) How did the Spanish King Charles III respond to those perceptions in sending a visitor general, Jose de Galvez and what did Galvez do?

20) What were the Bourbon reforms and why could you argue the Jesuits were in the way of their successful implementation?

21) What impact did the American Revolution have in Latin America?

22) Who was Alexander Von Humbolt and what did he observe?

23) How did the Spanish Prime Minister Godoy help accelerate the independence movement in Latin America?