

The American Yawp

Chapter 1 – The New World

Quiz

1. The first Americans arrived on the North American continent approximately _____
 - a. 1-2 million years ago
 - b. 400 – 800 thousand years ago
 - c. 12-20 thousand years ago
 - d. 3-9 thousand years ago
2. Agriculture arose in North America (and western hemisphere more generally)
 - a. 3,000 years later than in Asia/eastern hemisphere
 - b. 10,000 years later than in Asia/eastern hemisphere
 - c. Nearly simultaneously as in Asia/eastern hemisphere
 - d. 3,000 years earlier than in Asia/eastern hemisphere
3. The crops most commonly grown by Native Americans, also called the “Three Sisters,” include all of the following except
 - a. Maize (corn)
 - b. Squash
 - c. Beans
 - d. Wheat
4. What is the best term to describe Native American ancestry/descent?
 - a. Patrilineal
 - b. Matrilineal
 - c. Bilineal
 - d. Antilineal
5. What was the name of the largest city in the Mississippian Empire?
 - a. Cahokia
 - b. Cuzco
 - c. Pueblo Bonito
 - d. Natchez
6. What is the name of the Native American group who lived in Chaco Canyon?
 - a. Apache
 - b. Pueblo
 - c. Comanche
 - d. Olmec
7. Most Native Americans understood property rights as primarily relating to which of the following concepts?
 - a. Inheritance

- b. Warfare
 - c. Active use
 - d. Native Americans did not believe in property
8. How would you compare the sexual and marital freedom of Native Americans and Europeans before contact?
- a. Europeans enjoyed greater sexual and marital freedom
 - b. Native Americans enjoyed greater sexual and marital freedom
 - c. Both shared roughly equal levels of sexual and marital freedom
 - d. Neither experienced any sexual and marital freedom
9. Under the leadership of Prince Henry the Navigator, the Portuguese emerged as an early sea power. Which of these inventions contributed to Portuguese sea-faring?
- a. Chronometer
 - b. Gokstad ship
 - c. Astrolabe
 - d. Topsail
10. Christopher Columbus sailed under the flag of which nation?
- a. Portugal
 - b. Spain
 - c. Italy
 - d. France
11. What was the name of the first native group that Columbus encountered?
- a. Arawaks
 - b. Songhai
 - c. Yanomamo
 - d. Mapuche
12. Hernán Cortés relied on a native woman to conquer the Aztecs. What did he call her?
- a. Doña Marina
 - b. La Malinche
 - c. Castillo
 - d. Quetzalcoatl
13. Which of the following proved essential to the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs?
- a. Native dissension
 - b. Smallpox
 - c. Persuasion (some might say luck)
 - d. All of the above
14. In the 130 years after contact, approximately what proportion of Native Americans had died?
- a. 20%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 66%
 - d. 95%

15. All of the following crops were first introduced to Europe through the Columbian Exchange except
- a. Tomatoes
 - b. Potatoes
 - c. Grapes
 - d. Cocoa