



Chapter One

New World Beginnings,
33,000 B.C.-A.D. 1769

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1. the last retreat of the Great Ice Age glaciers.
2. the thrusting up of the Appalachian mountain range.
3. the meteorological catastrophe that killed the dinosaurs.
4. the shifting of the earth's tectonic plates that once united the Americas and Africa.

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1. Africa.
2. Siberia.
3. the South Pacific islands.
4. Europe.

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Hint: See page 6.

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1. Cherokees.
2. Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapahoes.
3. various tribes of California.
4. Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs.

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1. Iroquois.
2. Anasazi peoples.
3. Pueblos.
4. Powhatans.

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2. Norway.
3. Spain.
4. Portugal.

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Among the Indian agricultural products that eventually contributed to the European diet were

1. pork, beets, and sugar cane.
2. rice, manioc, and peanuts.
3. corn (maize), beans, and tomatoes.
4. wheat, oats, and barley.

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The primary cause of the death of about 90 percent of the original Indian population in the centuries after Columbus's arrival was

1. genocidal warfare.
2. syphilis.
3. diseases like smallpox, yellow fever, and malaria.
4. a drastic decline in the Indian birth rate.

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1. colonizing the fabled golden cities discovered by Francisco Coronado.
2. exploiting Aztec and Inca labor.
3. seizing Indian gold and silver and mining more of the precious metals.
4. importing African slaves to work its sugar plantations.

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Spain gained the greatest riches of its American empire by

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Which of the following was not among the motives that drove the Spanish conquistadores in their New World exploits?

1. a lust for gold and silver
2. a humanitarian desire to end practices like human sacrifice
3. a desire to win royal titles and favors by expanding Spain's empire
4. a hope of winning God's favor by bringing Christianity to pagan peoples

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Which of the following was not among the motives that drove the Spanish conquistadores in their New World exploits?

2. a humanitarian desire to end practices like human sacrifice

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The Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés was able to defeat the Aztecs partly because

1. he had a larger and better trained army.
2. the Aztec emperor Moctezuma initially welcomed Cortés into his capital city.
3. Cortés was able to call on reinforcements from Spain.
4. the Spanish were more highly motivated by religious fervor.

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