**Essay Questions**

Essay questions are listed below. There are also further reading lists below for those questions not adequately addressed by the tutorial reading lists. **Please note:** You may not choose an Essay Question on the same theme as your Essay Structuring Exercise (e.g. if you wrote your Essay Structuring Exercise on the Aztecs, you may not write your Major Essay on the Aztecs also).

1. How did Amerindians interpret the epidemics of measles and smallpox that devastated Mesoamerica in the sixteenth century? To what degree was disease responsible for the Spanish victory?

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