

Module 16 Guided Reading Notes

1. How was Akbar able to build such an immense empire?
2. How did Aurangzeb's personal qualities and political policies affect the Mughal Empire?
3. How did Akbar demonstrate tolerance in his empire, and how did his policy compare to earlier interactions between Muslims and Hindus?
4. Why did the empire weaken under the rule of Aurangzeb?
5. Why were Akbar's tax policies so successful?
6. Why was Nur Jahan able to hold so much power in Jahangir's court?
7. How might the phrase "God, Glory, Gold" summarize the Europeans' motives for exploration?
8. How did Prince Henry's experiences in Africa impact his decision to open a navigation school?
9. How did the Treaty of Tordesillas ease tensions between Spain and Portugal?

10. What was Prince Henry's goal and who actually achieved it?
11. What were the motives behind European exploration in the 1400's? Explain.
12. How would the "alternate attendance policy" restrict the daimyo?
13. How did the Japanese express themselves culturally under the Tokugawa shoguns?
14. How was the treatment of Europeans different in Japan and China? How was it similar?
15. What did Christian missionaries bring to China?
16. What was the structure of society in Tokugawa Japan?
17. How did Beijing become the capital of China?
18. Why do you think that the emperor had less power than a shogun?
19. What was the significance of Magellan's voyage?

20. What factors enabled the Spanish to defeat the Aztec?
21. Why did the natives of New Mexico revolt against Spanish settlers?
22. Why were most of the Spanish explorers drawn to the Americas?
23. Which country was the richest and most powerful in the 16th century, and why?
24. Why were France's North American holdings so sparsely populated?
25. How were the Dutch and the French colonies different from the English colonies in North America?
26. What was the basic difference between French and English attitudes about the land they acquired in North America?
27. What were some effects of European colonization of North America for Native Americans?
28. What need drove the English farther west into the North American continent?
29. In what ways did the colonies at Jamestown and Massachusetts differ?

30. Why did many African rulers participate in the Atlantic slave trade?
31. Why did so many Africans die during the Middle Passage?
32. How did African slaves contribute to the development of the Americas?
33. What effect did the spread of Islam have on the slave trade?
34. Why is the Columbian Exchange considered a significant event?
35. Why would a joint-stock company be popular with investors in overseas colonies?
36. What role did colonies play in mercantilism?
37. What were some of the food items that traveled from the Americas to the rest of the world?
38. What food and livestock from the rest of the world traveled to the Americas?
39. What were some of the effects on European society of the economic revolution that took place in the 16th and 17th centuries?

40. Why were colonies considered so important to the nations of Europe?

41. What factors helped spur European exploration?

42. Why did Columbus set sail westward?