

The Portuguese and Spanish in the Americas

Multiple-Choice Quiz

Directions: Select the best answer from the given options.

- Which of the following ships was not part of the fleet of Christopher Columbus in 1492?
 - Ana Lucia
 - Nina
 - Pinta
 - Santa Maria
- What was the capital city of the Aztec?
 - Chichen Itza
 - Guadalajara
 - Los Angeles
 - Tenochtitlan
- Modern Mexico, and a portion of modern Guatemala, were once known as _____.
 - Columbia
 - Los Lobos
 - New Spain
 - Nueva America
- What modern American state, located in the southeast, was settled by the Spanish in the 16th century?
 - Alabama
 - Florida
 - Georgia
 - South Carolina
- A person of mixed African and Spanish descent:
 - Americano
 - Indian
 - mestizo
 - mulatto
- Native Americans were forced to work for the Spanish under the _____ system.
 - encomienda
 - mercantilism
 - patron
 - socialist
- A person of mixed Native American and Spanish descent:
 - Americano
 - Indian
 - mestizo
 - mulatto
- El Camino Real:
 - The Real Country
 - The Real Deal
 - The Royal Casino
 - The Royal Road
- What Aztec ruler was killed in 1520?
 - Montezuma
 - Sitting Bull
 - Tupac
 - Yo Pe
- What Spanish explorer traveled into what is now the southwestern United States between 1540 and 1542?
 - Cabrillo
 - Coronado
 - Ponce de Leon
 - Verrazzano

11. Plantations in the Americas used African _____ to replace declining native populations.
- employees
 - indentured servants
 - slaves
 - volunteers
12. The number of Spanish _____ in the Americas increased following the Royal Orders of New Discoveries (1573).
- clubs
 - conquistadors
 - missions
 - tourists
13. Base your answer to the question below on the excerpt from the "New Laws" quoted below and on your knowledge of social studies.
- Article 38. Lawsuits involving Indians are no longer to be tried in the Indies, or by the Council of the Indies, but must be pleaded before the king himself...

- New Laws issued by Emperor Charles V, 1542-1543
- The "New Laws" were designed to _____ Spanish power.
- centralize
 - decentralize
14. What Spanish conquistador conquered the Aztec?
- Christopher Columbus
 - Francisco Pizarro
 - Hernan Cortes
 - Prince Henry
15. Who were the first people encountered by Christopher Columbus on the island he named San Salvador?
- Aztec
 - Maya
 - Olmec
 - Taino
16. Following their encounter with Europeans, millions of Native Americans quickly died from _____.
- disease
 - drowning
 - heart disease
 - warfare
17. conquistador:
- captain
 - conqueror
 - soldier
 - warrior
18. What Spanish explorer mapped the coast of modern Texas in 1519?
- Alonso Alvarez de Pineda
 - Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo
 - Miguel Hidalgo
 - Pedro de Peralta
19. Who was the first Spaniard to explore what is now the harbor of San Diego, California?
- Alonso Alvarez de Pineda
 - Father Junipero Serra
 - Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo
 - Pedro de Peralta
20. In 1494, Portugal and Spain divided the Western Hemisphere between themselves in the _____.
- Columbian Exchange
 - Navigation Acts
 - Treaty of Guadalupe
 - Treaty of Tordesillas
21. The Age of Exploration led directly to the _____.
- establishment of European colonies in the Americas
 - extinction of the Mayan language in the Yucatan
 - failure of the Treaty of Tordesillas
 - settlement of English Puritans in North America

22. What Spanish conquistador conquered the Inca?
- Bartolome de las Casas
 - Francisco Pizarro
 - Hernan Cortes
 - John Cabot
23. Forts built near Spanish missions were called what?
- encomiendas
 - padres
 - presidios
 - pueblos
24. Seeking workers, the Spanish and Portuguese began importing slaves from _____.
- Africa
 - Asia
 - Europe
 - South America
25. What economic system is posited on the belief that a nation's true wealth should be measured by its stores of gold and silver?
- capitalism
 - communism
 - mercantilism
 - socialism
26. Person of solely Spanish descent:
- Indian
 - mestizo
 - mulatto
 - peninsulare
27. What city was built, under the leadership of Spanish governor Pedro de Peralta, as the capital of Spain's New Mexico?
- Los Angeles
 - Mexico City
 - San Jose
 - Santa Fe
28. According to Spain and Portugal during the 16th century, the primary job of their colonies was to _____.
- benefit the colonial powers
 - create independent democratic governments
 - provide vacation spots for weary explorers
 - serve as a Utopia for European settlers
29. What city, founded by the Spanish in 1565, is the oldest and longest-lasting European settlement in what is now the United States?
- El Paso, Texas
 - Los Angeles, California
 - New Orleans, Louisiana
 - St. Augustine, Florida
30. What European explorer sailed to the Caribbean in 1492?
- Christopher Columbus
 - Francisco Pizarro
 - Henry Hudson
 - Hernan Cortes
31. Which economic policy was used by the Spanish over their Latin American colonies?
- free-market capitalism
 - laissez-faire
 - mercantilism
 - tariffs
32. Which of the following was a direct result of the 1521 conquest of Tenochtitlan by Hernan Cortes?
- extinction of the Maya
 - fall of the Aztec empire
 - fall of the Inca empire
 - overthrow of the Spanish government