

Grade 7
Chapter 1 Study Guide

Name _____

Section I, "The Earliest Americans," addresses how the earliest civilizations in the Americas developed. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.

Q1: How do scientists believe the earliest peoples came to the Americas?

Terms that should be used to answer:

Bering Land Bridge
Migration
Hunter-gatherers
Warmer climate

Q2: Describe the earliest civilizations in the Americas. Additionally, identify where these people settled and several cultural contributions they made.

Olmec
Mesoamerica
Stone sculpture

Maya
Maize
Buildings, plazas, canals

Aztec
Warriors
Central Mexico
Trade
Tenochtitlan
Trade

Inca
Andes Mountains
Cuzco
Highways and Bridges

Section II, "Native American Cultures," explains the contributions of early North American societies. Describe how the climate of each society impacted its development.

Q3: How did the climate influence the development of early American Societies?

Anasazi
Maize
Pueblos
Kivas

Mound Builders
River valleys
Temples

North and Northwest
Totems
Potlatches

West and Southwest
Pueblos

Maize
Multistoried houses

Great Plains
Buffalo
Teepees

Northeast and Southeast
Forests
Longhouses
Iroquois League

Section III, "Trading Kingdoms of West Africa," describes the trading empires in Africa emerging just before transatlantic travel begun. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.

Q4: What permitted three large trading empires in West Africa?

Ghana
Mali
Songhai
Gold-Salt
Camels
West African Slave Trade

Section IV, "Europe before Transatlantic Travel," explains the changes in European civilization prior to the opening of the Atlantic for trade. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.

Q5: What happened in the European Middle Ages that allowed for increased trade and the growth of a middle class?

Feudalism
Crusades
Silk Road
Trade Routes
Merchants
Middle Class
Artisans
Guilds
Mercantilism
Trading Centers
Banks
Joint-Stock Companies