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UNIT I STUDY GUIDE CONQUEST & COLLIDING WORLDS

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY BEFORE COLUMBUS

1. What accounts for MOST knowledge of Native American history before the arrival of Europeans in the late 15th century?
2. What similar themes exist between Native American origin stories?
3. What diversity existed in the pre-Columbus American experience? What generalizations can be made?
4. How did diversity affect North American Indians' ability to contend with European newcomers? (*Refer to primary source documents "Columbus on the Indians' 'Discovery' of the Spanish, 1492" and "Jacques Cartier on the Micmacs Meeting the French, 1534" for context*)

EARLY EUROPEAN EXPLORATIONS

5. Describe the exploration efforts of the Norse in the New World.
6. Identify and describe the factors which contributed to the boost in European exploration in the 15th century.
7. Why did Christopher Columbus set sail in 1492?
8. Why was Spain the only European power to take advantage of exploring the Americas late into the 1500s?
9. How did Columbus and the Spanish view the Carib people they encountered on San Salvador island?
10. How did Jacques Cartier describe the French interaction with the Micmac people they encountered in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence region (Canada)?

11. Could these early encounters have resulted in mutually beneficial relationships, or were Europeans destined to overcome American indigenous peoples from the start?

EARLY ENGLISH OUTPOSTS

12. Why were epidemics of "unidentified diseases" (smallpox, influenza, etc.) so devastating to the Native Americans?

13. Summarize the English experience from Roanoke to the founding of Jamestown.

14. How does John Smith describe his experience with the Powhatan tribe?

15. How do historians interpret this event?