

Age of Expansion Study Guide

Remember that all questions are worth one point. In order to get that point you must restate the question at the beginning of your answer. Do **NOT** use pronouns ever. All parts of the question must be thoroughly and completely answered to get full credit.

1. Evaluate the factors that lead to Europeans beginning to explore the world in the 15th century.
2. How did the Portuguese maritime empire differ from those that followed it?
3. Evaluate the significance of the voyages of Columbus and Magellan.
4. Who were the Mayans and why are they significant?
5. How did Herman Cortes conquer the Aztecs and why is this significant?
6. How did Pizarro conquer the Incans and why is this significant?
7. Evaluate the significance of formations of joint stock companies by the British and Dutch?
8. What were the causes of the French Wars of Religion? How was that conflict resolved?
9. Why did the Netherlands revolt against Spain and why is this significant?
10. Evaluate the problems that Elizabeth I inherited from her father and how she solved them.
11. What was the Spanish Armada and why is it significant?
12. What were the causes of the Thirty Years War?
13. Who was more successful in the first half of the Thirty Years War and why?
14. How did the Thirty Years War end? Why is this end significant?
15. Evaluate the Peace of Westphalia and how it changed Europe.
16. What was the Witchcraft Craze of the 16th and 17th centuries and why did it occur?
17. What were the trends in art during the 16th and 17th century?
18. What contributions did Montaigne, Shakespeare, and Cervantes make to European literature?
19. What is absolutism and how accurate is that theory?
20. Who is Cardinal Richelieu and why is he significant?
21. Evaluate the actions Louis XIV took to strengthen France. Was he successful?
22. What is Mercantilism and why is it significant?
23. What was the War of Spanish Succession and why is it significant?
24. Who are the Hohenzollerns and why are they important?
25. Evaluate the development of the Russian state under Peter the Great?
26. What were the causes of the English Civil War?
27. Trace the events of the English Civil War and their significance.

28. What was the Glorious Revolution and why is it significant?