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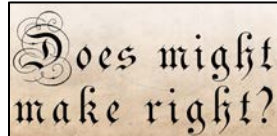
EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

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NAME

PERIOD

IS POPULAR CULTURE'S PORTRAYAL OF NATIVE AMERICANS AS NOBLE SAVAGES ACCURATE?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Maya

Inca

Aztec

LOCATIONS

Bering Land Bridge

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Anthropologist, a scientist specializing in the study of humanity

Archaeologist, an scientist who studies prehistoric culture

Codex, a written manuscript

Concentric, having a common center

Disrepair, the state of being in poor or damaged condition

Domesticated, converted or adapted to use in the home

Encrust, cover or coat with some material

Flourish, grow vigorously

Matrilineal, based on or tracing descent through the female line

Nomad, a member of a people who have no permanent home

Obsidian, glass formed by the cooling of lava without crystallization

Peerless, beyond or above comparison

Porous, full of holes

Portrayal, any likeness of a person, in any medium

Reciprocity, a relation of mutual dependence or action or influence

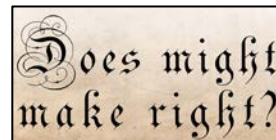
Rendition, a performance of a musical composition or a dramatic role

Torrential, relating to or resulting from the action of a downpour

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S E C O N D Q U E S T I O N
DOES COLUMBUS DESERVE HIS
HONORED PLACE IN HISTORY?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Ibn Battuta
Marco Polo
Prince Henry the Navigator
Vasco de Gama
Ferdinand and Isabella
Columbus
Ferdinand Magellan

LOCATIONS

San Salvador

EVENTS

Crusades

TREATIES

Treaty of Tordesillas

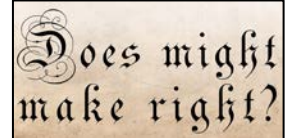
ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Archipelago, a group of many islands in a large body of water
Bypass, avoid something
Conflate, mix together different elements
Decade, a period of 10 years
Decry, express strong disapproval of
Dominance, the power or right to give orders or make decisions
Gravitate, move toward
Hegemony, the dominance or leadership of one social group over others
Maritime, relating to ships or navigation
Merchant, a businessperson engaged in retail trade
Millennium, a span of 1000 years
Monopoly, a market in which there are many buyers but only one seller
Pillage, steal goods; take as spoils
Prelude, something that introduces what follows
Route, an established line of travel or access
Squadron, a group of ships or planes
Vanguard, the leading units moving at the head of an army
Vanquish, defeat in a competition, race, or conflict
Vilify, spread negative information about
Voyage, a journey to some distant place

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WHY DIDN'T MILLIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS STOP A FEW THOUSAND EUROPEAN CONQUERORS?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

KEY CONCEPTS

Encomienda System
Black Legend
Fur Trade

PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Hernan Cortes
Moctezuma
La Malinche
Francisco Pizarro
Atahualpa
Hernando de Soto
Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
Bartolomé de Las Casas
Miguel de Cervantes
Diego Velazquez

EVENTS

The Conquest
Golden Age of Spain

PLACES

Tenochtitlan
New France
Quebec
Montreal
New Orleans
West Indies

BOOKS

Don Quixote de La Mancha

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Acquisitiveness, strong desire to obtain and possess
Bedevel, be confusing or perplexing to
Bloodthirsty, marked by eagerness to resort to violence
Cession, the act of surrendering possession or control
Demise, the time when something ends
Depiction, representation by drawing, painting, etc.
Destabilize, make unsturdy, insecure, or less able to function smoothly
Detriment, a damage or loss
Fend, try to manage without help
Floodgate, a valve that controls the flow of water
Foment, try to stir up
Horrendous, causing fear or dread or terror
Humane, marked by concern with the alleviation of suffering
Indigenous, originating where it is found
Interloper, someone who intrudes on the privacy or property of another
Malleable, capable of being shaped or bent
Replicate, reproduce or make an exact copy of
Simmer, boil slowly at low temperature
Soothsayer, someone who makes predictions of the future
Trove, a valuable collection or treasure found hidden

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NOTES ON THE TEXT

F O U R T H Q U E S T I O N
WAS THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE A
NET BENEFIT FOR HUMANITY?



MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

KEY CONCEPTS

The Columbian Exchange

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Assuage, provide physical relief, as from pain

Bereaved, sorrowful through loss or deprivation

Bizarre, conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual

Conversely, with the terms of the relation reversed

Decimate, kill in large numbers

Espouse, choose and follow a theory, idea, policy, etc.

Havoc, violent and needless disturbance

Insatiable, impossible to satisfy

Invasive, gradually intrusive without right or permission

Irreversible, incapable of being turned around

Livestock, any animals kept for use or profit

Lucrative, producing a sizeable profit

Medicinal, treating, preventing or alleviating the symptoms of disease

Nomadic, migratory

Ravaged, having been robbed and destroyed by force and violence

Scripture, any writing that is regarded as sacred by a religious group

Stigma, a symbol of disgrace or infamy

Stimulant, any stimulating information or event; acts to arouse action

Wreak, cause to happen or to occur as a consequence

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