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America's History: Chapter 1 Video Guide	

Big Idea	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
Questions	The Native American Experience	
	The First Americans:	
	 Many people came to the Americas via the Straight 6000 B.C.E. – Indians began raising crops – 	
	 Helped encourage population growth, especially in present-day 	
	American Empires:	
	 Aztec Empire – Tenochtitlán was the capital 	
	 Established trading routes throughout the empire 	
	Used – payment (taxes)	
	Chiefdoms and Confederacies:	
	Maize became a major crop throughout Central and North	
	America	
	Mississippi Valley	
	 Eastern Woodlands – villages were built around maize 	
	fields; also	
	were in charge of crops and	
	played instrumental roles in community affairs	
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	Iroquois were a	
	society – power based on female families	
	o Great Plains and Rockies - hunted;	
	lack of natural resources made many Indians nomadic	
	• The (introduced by Europe)	
	drastically changed life of Plains Indians	
	 Arid Southwest – based on agriculture (maize) and built 	
	elaborate irrigation systems (Pueblo Indians – see video	
	in description)	
	 Pacific Coast – Chinooks were strong warriors, relied 	
	heavily on; built elaborate canoes	
	Patterns of Trade:	
	 Many Indians traded with each other throughout the Americas 	
	 Trade fairs between nomadic Navajos and Pueblos in the 	
	Southwest	
	 Maize would be traded for meat, furs, and other 	
	supplies	
	Sacred Power:	
	– religion associated with nature	
	 Indians respected animals they hunted by performing 	
	rituals	
	Western Europe: The Edge of the Old World	
	Hierarchy and Authority:	
	 European families were – property 	
	and wealth was based on male families	

Females gave up many rights when married – name, _____, expected to submit to husband Why would primogeniture *Primogeniture* – eldest son inheriting most of Later encouraged immigration to colonies encourage migration to Peasant Society: colonies? • Poor individuals, mostly farmers; made up most of the immigrants to Americas Half of the children died before _____! • Expanding Trade Networks: Merchant cities began to grow drastically Guilds helped regulate trade Myths, Religions, and Holy Warriors Roman Catholic Church had tremendous power in Western Europe Individuals involved in _____ (ideas inconsistent with Christianity) were persecuted Reformation: Martin Luther and his 95 Theses – protested the sale of John Calvin and Predestination o England became a Protestant nation • The Reformation weakened the strength of Catholicism in Europe West and Central Africa: Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade • Empires, Kingdoms, and Ministates: Most of the African Slave Trade was based out of West Africa Kings and Princes were regarded as divine • Ghana, Mali, and Songhai Empires – used extensive trade routes Used the military to control trade routes – _____! • The Spirit World: spread over trade routes in Africa Many Africans still practiced versions of Animism and were polytheistic **Exploration and Conquest** Portuguese Expansion: Portugal had an extensive role in exploration and ______ Trading posts were established in Europeans had little luck exploring the interior of the African Continent: Disease – malaria, the interior was well defended • The African Slave Trade: Slavery was widespread throughout Europe and Africa Slaves were used on ______ plantations In the mid-16th century, the African Slave Trade expanded drastically and used in South America Sixteenth-Century Incursions:

Reconquista – Spanish Catholics tried to get rid of Muslims in

•	– Spanish conquerors
0	Hernán Cortés: led 600 men to defeat the Aztecs at
,	Геnochtitlán
	 Many of the Aztecs were defeated due to
	disease, especially smallpox
0	Francisco Pizarro: defeated the
 Effects of 	f the Spanish Invasions:
0	and war killed many Indians
	20 million Indians in 1500 -> 3 million in 165