

HIS 304 Mid-Year Exam Review Questions

Indigenous Populations to 1500 CE

1. How did Indigenous peoples first migrate into North America? From Where?
2. Identify the geographic region of the three main groups and explain the connection to their way of life. (Nomadic/ Sedentary? Why?)
3. What is the connection between the geographic location of the 3 main groups and their economic activities?
4. What are the characteristics of the way of life of the 3 main groups?
5. What were the main spiritual beliefs of indigenous societies? How did they view the natural environment?
6. What was the role of the shaman?
7. What is the connection between oral tradition and the elders?
8. How were goods shared in Indigenous societies?
9. What was the purpose and characteristics of trade networks?
10. Why did Indigenous groups make alliances?
11. What were the causes and characteristics of warfare in Indigenous societies? How were prisoners of war treated?

Early French settlements 1500 - 1604

1. Why did Europeans first explore North America?
2. What was the first resource exploited by Europeans in North America?
3. What were the characteristics of early trade between Europeans and Indigenous peoples?
4. What were the goals, characteristics and results of Jacques Cartier's voyages?
5. What were the first French settlements in North America? What were their goals? What were the results?

The French Regime 1608 -1760

1. Who was Samuel de Champlain and what was his role in establishing a French colony?
2. How did Champlain secure the alliance with the Algonquian? Why did France want alliances with Indigenous groups?
3. What is mercantilism? What was the role of the mother country? The colony? How did it affect the colony?
4. What were the obligations of the charter or monopoly companies in establishing a French colony?
5. What effect did the monopoly companies have on the development of New France?
6. What was the company of 100 associates? Why was it created?
7. Explain the difference between a trading colony and a settlement colony.
8. What was the purpose of the seigneurial system? What were its characteristics?
9. What was the role of the Catholic Church in New France? For the French population? For the Indigenous populations?
10. Why did the King of France establish royal government? When?
11. What was the sovereign council? The role of the Governor? The Intendant?
12. What steps did the French Crown (Intendant Talon) take to develop New France's population? economy?

Record a note for the Significance of the following dates and create a timeline:

- 30 000 BCE (approximate)
- 12 000 BCE (approximate)
- 1500 CE
- 1534 CE
- 1608 CE
- 1627 CE
- 1663 CE