

# Reading Guide – Chapter 14

## Europe and the World: New Encounters

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Due: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 – On the Brink of a New World, pp. 403-407

1. Identify <i>AND EXPLAIN</i> 3 motivations for overseas exploration.	
2. Identify four innovations that made overseas exploration possible and what each provided.	

### 2/3 – New Horizons: The Portuguese and Spanish Empires, pp. 407-416

1. Why was Portugal able to take the lead in European Exploration?  Where did they go and why?	
2. For each of the following explorers, identify the <i>COUNTRY THEY SAILED FOR</i> and their <i>MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS</i> .	Bartholomeu Dias:
	Vasco da Gama
	Alfonso de Albuquerque
	Christopher Columbus
	John Cabot
	Pedro Cabral

	Amerigo Vespucci
	Vasco Nuñez de Balboa
	Ferdinand Magellan
3. What were conquistadors?  How did they differ from other explorers?	
4. Who were the Aztecs?  Ultimately, what caused the downfall of the Aztecs?	
5. Using Cortés's <i>Description of Tinochtitlan</i> (document on page 413), explain what Cortés thinks of the Aztec civilization he conquered.  What does he indicate made him feel justified in destroying it?	
6. Who were the Incans?  How was the Incan Empire conquered?	
7. By what system did the Spanish administer the New World?  Why was it ultimately abolished?	

4/5 – New Rivals on the World Stage, pp. 416-427

1. Explain the triangular trade.	
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2. What were the primary effects of the slave trade?	Economic:
	Political:
	Social:
3. How did the British take complete control of India?	
4. How did China deal with Europeans wanting to trade?	
5. Why did Japan expel most Europeans?  Where was the one place they were allowed?	
6. How did France lose its North American Empire?	

6 – Toward a World Economy, pp. 431-433

1. What are two possible explanations for the gradual increase in prices in the sixteenth century?	
2. How did joint-stock companies work?	
3. What change was made in banking?	
4. How much did peasant life improve?	
5. Explain the economic	

<p>theory of mercantilism.</p> <p>Explain how mercantilism would increase a country's wealth.</p>	
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6 – Impact of European Expansion, pp. 427-431

<p>1. In several sentences, explain how European expansion changed the lives of the <u>conquered</u>.</p>	
<p>2. In several sentences, explain how European expansion changed the lives of the <u>conquerors</u>.</p>	