**World History**

**Chapter 20 – The Atlantic World**

**Summary Questions**

*A \* next to a question denotes a more detailed answer is required. A \*\* means… well, I think you know what it means!*

**Section 1 – Spain Builds an American Empire**

1. What was the objective of Columbus’ his second voyage?
2. Who determined that the lands discovered by Columbus were not Asia but a new world?
3. Who was the first person to circumnavigate the world?
4. What are the most significant discoveries that were made by the explorers that followed Columbus?
5. \*How did Hernando Cortez conquer the Aztec? Who conquered the Inca? How did the Spanish benefit from their conquest of the New World?
6. Describe the pattern of Spanish settlement of the Americas.

**Section 2 – European Nations Settle North America**

1. Describe French settlement of North America.
2. Describe English (British) settlement of North America.
3. Describe Dutch settlement of North America.
4. How did the British take over all of North America?
5. Describe how the natives responded to these events, especially their interactions with the British.

**Section 3 – The Atlantic Slave Trade**

1. Who were the first people to enslave large numbers of Africans?
2. For what reasons (3) did Europeans begin enslaving Africans and bringing them to the Americas?
3. What crops were African slaves farming during this period?
4. Who sold African slaves to the Europeans?
5. \*Describe the triangular trade.
6. Describe the middle passage and plantation life for slaves.

**Section 4 – The Columbian Exchange and Global Trade**

**(Group work in class using the textbook)**

1. \*\*Using the book and outside information answer the following questions:
   1. What was transferred between the Americas and the rest of the world?
   2. What were the negative and positive impacts of what was exchanged?
   3. Research modern day items that are exchanged between the US and other nations today. How does this compare to what was traded during the Columbian Exchange?
2. What is capitalism? How did it change the European economy?
3. What is a joint-stock company and how was it used during the 1500’s and 1600’s?
4. What is mercantilism and what is its goal?
5. Describe the balance of trade in the United States today? Explain why we have a good or bad balance of trade? Is it hurting, helping, or having no impact on the US economy?