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Colonial Era Brazil

1. What is the proposed reason for Portugal’s interest in a territory dividing line placed so far west?

2. What two river systems did Portuguese officials want to include in their New World territory?

3. What was the initial intention of Portugal in establishing an empire?

4. Describe the Portuguese settlement practice.

5. What two factors caused a shift to colonialism in Brazil? (one political, one agricultural)

6. What inducements to settle Brazil did Portugal offer?

7. Where did the Jesuits establish missions?

8. What happened to Jesuit missions between 1629-1631?

9. How was this problem dealt with by the Jesuits and what was the deciding event to ensure the continuation of the missions?

10. What three events in the early 1720’s created an increased need to declare definite territorial borders?

11. How were the rules in the Treaty of Tordesillas re-evaluated in the mid-18th century?

12. What was the result of this restructuring for the Jesuit missions?
**Paraguay: History and Population**

1. When did Paraguay achieve independence from Spain?

2. What percentage of the population is mestizo?

3. What does mestizo mean?

4. What religion predominates in Paraguay?

5. What two languages are spoken by most Paraguayans?

6. How is each language used by the people?

**Iguazu Falls**

1. Where are Iguazu Falls located?

2. How tall and how wide are the falls?

3. What geologic event is connected to the creation of the falls?

4. How thick is the lava flow that formed the falls?

5. When were Iguazu Falls created?

**Exploration and the Catholic Church**

1. What was the goal of the Church during global colonization?

2. Where was the Jesuit Order founded?

3. What other religious orders were present in the New World?

4. Describe the success of Jesuit missions in North America in terms of economics.
5. What was the major accomplishment of the North American Jesuit missionaries?

Missions and History
1. When was Trinidad Mission built?

2. Approximately how many Jesuit missions were there?

3. What was the point of organizing the Indians into townships?

4. What did the townships produce?

5. How long did the Age of Missions last? When did it end?

6. Besides agricultural techniques, what else did the Jesuits teach the Guaraní?

Jesuit Missions
1. What labor system would the Guaraní have faced if not for the Jesuits?

2. Describe the “peculiar” evangelization practiced by the Jesuits.

3. By the 18th century Jesuit territory included which modern South American countries?

4. What forced the Jesuits to abandon their early mission settlements?

5. What public services did the Jesuits provide to the Guaraní?

6. What types of skilled handicrafts and advanced products did the Guaraní produce under Jesuit direction?

7. Where were the main Jesuit settlements located?

8. How were the reducciones laid out physically?

9. What political decision led to the downfall of the missions?
10. In addition to the Guaraní what other two types of missions existed in South America?

11. What do the mission location maps tell you about the origins of their founders?

**Gary Smith – History of the Catholic Church in Latin America**

1. When was the Jesuit Order founded?

2. When did the Jesuits arrive in South America?

3. Define the term “utopia.”

4. Give reasons why the Jesuits chose the jungles of the New World to establish their utopia.

5. What was the most important factor about the land granted to the religious orders in the New World?

6. What contributions to the study of the lands they inhabited were made by the Jesuits?

7. What was the first step in creating the Jesuits’ “utopian empire”?

8. Why did the Jesuits isolate their community from the neighboring Spanish and Portuguese colonies?

9. What were the modal communities established by the Jesuits called? What were these communities in reality?

10. Why did the Jesuits feel that they were leading the Guaraní back to Christianity?

11. What were the “twin abominations” that segregation was intended to prevent the converted Indians from reverting to?

12. How did other Spanish and Portuguese settlers view the Indian communities?

13. Why did the Jesuits consider it necessary to arm the Indians and mold them into a fighting force?
14. What is credited for the success of the reductions?

15. How was the farm land held by the reductions divided in terms of its purpose?

16. List four tactics used by Jesuits to convert Guaraní to Christianity.

17. List the ways in which the Jesuits used their wealth after the reductions became successful.

18. What was the nature of the conflict between the Jesuits and the Spanish authorities in the New World in the 17th and 18th centuries?

19. When were the Jesuits forced out of New Granada? When was the order disbanded?

20. Why was the order and discipline imposed by the Jesuits in the Paraguayan community beneficial for the royal officers of Spain?

21. What contentious issues led to violence between the Indians and the provincial Spanish after the removal of Jesuit influence?

22. What method of reconciliation was proposed by Francis Xavier Chavijero, an exiled Jesuit?

23. List the grievances lodged against the Jesuits prior to the expulsion.

24. Name the institutions and operations owned by the Jesuits prior to their expulsion in 1767.

25. What was the impact of the Jesuits’ expulsion on the communities under their care?

Bartolomé de las Casas

1. Describe Bartolomé’s first encounter with natives from the Americas.

2. What career decision did his father make in 1493?

3. What vocation did Bartolomé choose upon his father’s return?
4. Which two Spanish universities did Bartolomé study at?

5. How old was he for his first trip to the Americas?

6. What events in his early travels with military expeditions affected Las Casas?

7. After being ordained a priest, what contact did Las Casas have with Columbus’ son?

8. What contradiction of conscience began to emerge during his second trip to the Americas?

9. What decision did Las Casas make in 1514?

10. What reform attempt by Las Casas was passed in 1512?

11. What was Las Casas’ plan to save the remaining island Indians?

12. After his entrance into the Dominican Order, Las Casas wrote a very important source about the early discovery and colonization period called what?

13. Summarize the Magna Carta of Indian rights.

14. What was accomplished in the New Laws of 1542?

15. What is the most widely known of Las Casas’ writings.

Indígenas: Guaraní
1. What are the Guaraní best known for?

2. Describe the physique typical to the Guaraní.

3. Describe the structure of the Guaraní society prior to European contact.

4. Describe the typical dress of Guaraní men and women.

5. Who made the first contact with the Guaraní in 1537?
6. When did first Jesuits the Guaraní?

7. Where was the center of Indian slave trade?

8. How many Indians were killed or captured by Brazilians slave traders?

9. What was the first Guaraní mission and when was it established?

10. How were missionaries received by most of the Guaraní?

11. How did the slave traders see the established of the missions?

12. In 1638, what two decrees improved Guaraní chances against slave traders?

13. Armed Guaraní successfully defended missions in important battles in which two years?

14. Besides agriculture what other industries were present in the Guaraní missions?

15. Why did Indians in seven settlements transferred to Portugal rebel in 1750?

16. Who ran the missions after the expulsion of the Jesuits?

17. Where were many of the Guaraní language writings printed during the mission period?

18. What are examples of English words adapted from Guaraní?