**Sager – World History Unit 5 – Exploration, Mesoamerica, Africa Study Guide**

***Age of Exploration***

1. What lands were Europeans exploring during the Age of Exploration?
2. What were the three motives for European Exploration? Describe what each means
3. What did making trading posts in Africa allow Europeans to do?
4. Christopher Columbus:
   * What was he looking for?
   * What country funded his exploration?
5. What areas did the Spanish take over in the Americas?
6. How did the Spanish treat Native Americans?
7. What areas did the English settle in in the Americas?
8. How did the English treat Native Americans?
9. What areas did the French settle in in the Americas?
10. How did the French treat Native Americans?
11. What continents were involved in the triangular trade?
12. Explain what was traded from Europe to Africa, from Africa to America, from America to Europe
13. What was the Middle Passage? What were conditions like on the journey?
14. What is the Columbian exchange?
15. What effects did exploration have on Africa?
16. What were the economic effects of exploration on Europe?
17. What is mercantilism?
18. What is a joint stock company?
19. What were the social effects of exploration on Europe?
20. What were the effects of exploration on the Americas?

***Mesoamerica – The Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas***

*Mayans*

1. Where the Mayans settle?
2. How was Mayan civilization organized?
3. What religious practices did the Mayans believe in?
4. Mayan religion: Polytheistic or Monotheistic
5. What advances in learning were made by the Mayans?
6. What happened to the Maya?

*Aztecs*

1. Where did the Aztecs live?
2. What was the Aztec capital city? What city is it now?
3. How did the Aztecs create their empire?
4. Aztec Religion: Polytheistic or Monotheistic
5. Who was the main Aztec God?
6. What did the Aztecs build as dedications to their Gods?
7. Why did the Aztecs participate in human sacrifice?
8. What happened to the Aztecs?

*Incas*

1. Where did the Incas live?
2. What kind of power did the emperor have?
3. Where was the Inca capital?
4. What major innovation did the Incas build through mountains and across rivers and gorges?
5. What did the Incas construct?
6. Incas Religion: Polytheistic or Monotheistic
7. What religious practices did the Incas believe in?
8. How was the Inca government organized? (what did the government control)
9. What happened to the Inca?

**Africa**

1. Describe the geography of Africa
2. Describe the customs of the early peoples of Africa

*Ghana Empire*

1. What were desirable trade items in the Ghana Empire?
2. What did the King do in Ghana’s society?
3. What happened to the Ghana empire?

*Mali Empire*

1. What was Mali’s wealth built on?
2. What happened to the Mali empire?

Songhai Empire

1. How did the Songhai create an empire?
2. What did the empire lack?
3. What happened to the Songhai empire?

*Askum Empire*

1. Where was the Askum Empire located?
2. What did traders trade while passing thru Askum’s chief seaport?
3. Askum Religion: Polytheistic or Monotheistic
4. What happened to Askum Empire?

*Great Zimbabwe*

1. Who built the city? What was the empire built on?
2. How did the city’s leaders make money?

*Mutapa*

1. What was the cornerstone of Mutapa’s economy?
2. What happened in the 1500s? What did this signal?