

Section 23 & 24 Study Questions World History & Geography I

Section 23

1. What does the word Renaissance mean? What were four key developments that occurred during the Renaissance?
2. What was perhaps the most momentous mistake in history? Why?
3. What do the equator and an astrolabe have to do with latitude? Why didn't Christopher Columbus know where he was when he discovered America?
4. What does an archipelago have to do with the discovery of America?
5. Is Central America part of Latin America? Is Central America part of South America?

Section 24

6. How did Europeans finally learn how big the Earth really was? What was the first sea route from Europe to Asia?
7. What are the two main languages of South America? Why? Which river is bigger, the Amazon or the Nile? Why?
8. How did the Inca civilization come to an end? What were important parts of a conquistador's job description?
9. Why was the civilization of the Mayas dying out before the Spanish conquistadors arrived to finish them off?
10. Who was Hernando Cortes, and why do a number of locations in Colorado and New Mexico have names taken from Aztec history?