

## WORLD HISTORY

### SECTION II

Total Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

#### Question 1 (Document-Based Question)

Suggested reading and writing time: 1 hour

It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes reading the documents and 45 minutes writing your response.

**Note:** You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.

**Directions:** Question 1 is based on the accompanying documents. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise.

In your response you should do the following.

- Respond to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis or claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
  - Describe a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
  - Support an argument in response to the prompt using at least six documents.
  - Use at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.
  - For at least three documents, explain how or why the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.
  - Use evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the prompt.
1. Evaluate the extent to which the motivations for the exploration and colonization of the New World differed between European nations.

## Document 1

Source: Map of the Columbian Exchange (<https://sites.google.com/site/almasexplorationproject/the-columbian-exchange-and-the-triangular-trade>)



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## Document 2

Source: Bartolome de Las Casas, Spanish historian and Dominican priest, *Brief Account of the Devastation of the Indies*. (1542)

Their reason for killing and destroying such an infinite number of souls is that the Christians have an ultimate aim, which is to acquire gold, and to swell themselves with riches in a very brief time and thus rise to a high estate disproportionate to their merits. It should be kept in mind that their insatiable greed and ambition, the greatest ever seen in the world, is the cause of their villainies. And also, those lands are so rich and felicitous, the native peoples so meek and patient, so easy to subject, that our Spaniards have no more consideration for them than beasts.

## Document 3

Source: A French Jesuit Missionary, 1642

To make a Christian out of a Barbarian is not the work of a day. . . . A great step is gained when one has learned to know those with whom he has to deal; has penetrated their thoughts; has adapted himself to their language, their customs, and their manner of living; and when necessary, has been a Barbarian with them, in order to win them over to Jesus Christ.

#### Document 4

Source: Francisco de Vitoria, Spanish Roman Catholic theologian, *De India*, 1532

Also, it is through no fault of theirs that these aborigines have for many centuries been outside the pale of salvation, in that they have been born in sin and void of baptism and the use of reason whereby to seek out the things needful for salvation. Accordingly, I for the most part attribute their seeming so unintelligent and stupid to a bad a barbarous upbringing, for even among ourselves we find many peasant who differ little from brutes.

#### Document 5

Source: Christopher Columbus, Italian explorer, navigator, and colonizer, Letter to Doña Juana de Torres, October 1500

I should be judged as a captain who went from Spain to the Indies to conquer a people numerous and warlike, whose manners and religion are very different from ours, who live in sierras and mountains, without fixed settlements, and where by divine will I have placed under the sovereignty of the King and Queen our Lords, an Other World, whereby Spain, which was reckoned poor, is become the richest of countries

#### Document 6

Source: Samuel de Champlain, French navigator and cartographer, *Voyages*, 1604

The inclinations of men differ according to their varied dispositions; and each one in his calling has his particular end in view. Some aim at gain, some at glory, some at the public will. The greater number are engaged in trade, and especially that which is transacted on the sea. Hence arise the principal support of the people, the opulence and honor of states. This is what raised ancient Rome to the sovereignty and mastery over the entire world, and the Venetians to a grandeur equal to that of powerful kings.

#### Document 7

Source: Thomas Harriot, Englishman on the expedition to Roanoke, *A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia*, 1588

SIR, seeing that the part of the World, which is between the Florida and the Cape Breton now named VIRGINIA, to the honor of your most sovereign Lady and Queen Elizabeth, has been discovered by your means. And great charges. And that your colony has been there established to your great honor and praise, and no lesser profit unto the common America, it can never be advisable for England to quit this trade, and leave it to any other nation.