Andrew Marr’s History of the World: Age of Plunder

1. What did Europeans use as an excuse to plunder and attack the Native American tribes?
2. Before Columbus, what was the only way Europeans could get to Asia (the Orient)? What was the problem with this route?
3. Where did Columbus intend to go?
4. Where did Columbus actually end up?
5. What are the 3 things that defined Europe’s relationship with the Americas?
6. Why did the majority of the Native American population die shortly after the arrival of the Europeans?
7. What ruled the lives of the majority of average Europeans in the early 16th century?
8. What was an indulgence? How could someone get one?
9. What is the name of the German monk credited for started the Protestant reformation?
10. What invention helped spread the ideas of the Reformation?
11. Where did the name “protestant” derive from?
12. What was the unexpected negative consequence to the beginning of the Protestant reformation?
13. How did Europeans fund their religious wars?
14. How did Spaniards convert Inca Atahualpa to Christianity? (a method they used often)
15. How much would Spain’s plunder of the America’s be worth today?
16. How did Spain use (spend) its plunder? What happened to Spain circa (about) 60 years after their initial conquest of the Americas?
17. What crops made a greater contribution to the history of the world than gold? (name 3)
18. Who is credited as putting Russia onto the world stage? How did he do this?
19. Why did fur become a necessary commodity during this time period?
20. How long did it take the Russians to conquer Siberia and create an empire that stretched all the way to the Pacific Ocean?
21. Who did Tokugawa Ieyasu align with to help him build a Japanese fleet? (give the name and country of origin)
22. What caused Christianity to be banned in Japan and subsequently caused Japan to close it doors to trade and the outside world?
23. How long did Japan remain closed off to European trade?
24. What was the most highly valued spice from Asia into Europe?
25. What was the world’s first multinational corporation?
26. How were the Dutch able to overtake the Spanish and Portuguese in dominating global trade?
27. What did the British get in exchange for giving the Dutch the island of Run?
28. What are examples of status symbols?
29. Where was the first stock exchange created in 1607?
30. What commodity represents the rise of capitalism in Amsterdam?