Chapter 5 Reading Guide

1) When Europeans entered the “Age of Exploration,” what were the only three continents that they thought existed?

2) What two names were given to the area in Asia that Europeans were interested in finding a route to?

3) Why did they want to find a route to this area?

4) As many people in this class have asked, why didn’t they just go across the land?

5) When Columbus wanted to sail west to find a route to Asia, why didn’t Portugal pay for the trip?

6) When Portugal and Spain began to see each other as competitors for this new land, why is it that the Pope became involved instead of the kings or queens of the countries?

7) Name the two solutions for the division of the New World between Portugal and Spain.

8) Which country did both solutions (from question #7) favor?

9) At this point, England wanted to get involved as well. Who was the first Englishman sent to the New World?

10) In your own words, what did Spain think a country had to do to claim land in the New World?

11) What was England’s opinion on what had to be done to claim land?

12) What point did all European powers agree upon when it came to claiming land in the New World?

13) What are the three reasons that Spain wanted to colonize the New World?
14) What European (a Spaniard) is credited with being the first to set foot on the land that would become the United States?

15) What were some of Hernando de Soto’s motivations for conquering Indians in the New World and creating a settlement?

16) Recent evidence suggests that ____________ was really the first European to set foot in what is now Georgia.

17) Who was the first Frenchman to set foot on the land that is now the United States?

18) What group of French people tried to start a settlement in the New World?

19) Why did they come here?

20) What happened to them at their first settlement?

21) What happened to them at their second settlement?

22) Why was the occupation of Florida so important to the Spanish?

23) Spain set up many Missions along the Atlantic Coast of the New World. What is a mission?

24) Why did they do this?

25) What two provinces was Georgia divided into for the purpose of Missionary work?

26) What was the Juanillo Rebellion? (Be detailed.)