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*National Geographic: America Before Columbus* Video Guide

***Please watch the movie carefully and answer the following questions.***

1. In general, what was Europe like before Columbus came to the Americas?

2. What was Europe's agriculture like?

3. What role did domesticated animals play?

4. What are the "Big Five" animals?

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5. Describe the mound builder cultures of the Mississippi:

6. Why is the development of corn such an amazing achievement?

7. What food source powered the Inca empire?

8. How did the Inca change the landscape to increase their food supply?

9. Explain the role the llama played:

10. After the llama, what is the second largest domesticated animal in the Americas?

11. What are the two most likely explanations for the extinction of all the large animals in the Americas?

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12. Explain why the Native Americans of the Great Plains and the Atlantic seaboard burned the landscape with fires every year:

13. What role did the bison play in Great Plains cultures?

14. Compare and contrast American hunting vs. European hunting:

15. Explain what happened to fish in Europe:

16. Describe the Chaco Canyon and Anasazi culture:

17: Explain why the Europeans were able to cut down their forests, what they used them for, and what the cost was when they ran out of forests:

18. What were the goals of Spain and Columbus in setting out West across the Atlantic?

19. How does Columbus describe this "paradise" he has found to Queen Isabella?

20. Explain the role the horse played in the conquest of the Americas:

21. Explain the role the mustang played in changing Native American cultures, particularly on the Great Plains:

22. Compare and contrast the attitudes toward the pig by both Europeans and Native Americans, including the reasons for those attitudes:

23. Explain the impact of diseases on the Native Americans, and how the Europeans took advantage of that impact:

24. Explain which crops were taken back to Europe:

25. Explain the impact syphilis had on Europe:

27. What kind of wealth did the English find in North America, rather than gold and silver?

28. What impact did European animals and plants have on North America?

29. What role did bees play in the environmental takeover of North America ("biological imperialism")?

30. What impact did New World vegetables have on Europe? ("Columbian Exchange")

31. What two addictive substances became the most profitable crops grown in the Americas?

32. What human tragedy resulted from those addictive substances?