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**National Geographic – *America Before Columbus***

1. What are the names of Columbus’ ships?
2. What was the purpose of Christopher Columbus’ voyage?
3. What goods were being sold through the Silk Road?
4. What were some of the reasons (or innovations) that allowed Europe’s population to reach over 100 million people?
5. What is the name of great city, built by the mound builders? What is known about them?
6. What staple crop, developed by genetic engineering, helped the mound builders to prosper?
7. What crop helped the Inca to proper without corn, as it would not grow in the high altitudes?
8. How were they able to grow this crop? (How did they alter the landscape?)
9. What is the biggest domestic mammal in the Americas, before Columbus?
10. Why were there no domesticated animals in North America?
11. What is the most important animal to the Native Americans?
12. How did the Native Americans hunt these animals?
13. How was hunting different for the Europeans?
14. What happened to the fish stocks in Europe?
15. How is fishing different in the Americas?
16. Why did the Anasazi, the civilization located in present day New Mexico, disappear?
17. How was wood important to the Europeans? (What were they using wood for?)
18. What object was invented that allowed the spread of new ideas and information?

**I. Columbus reaches the Americas, impact:**

1. How many million people live in the Americas in 1491?
2. How are the cultures and people of the Americas different than Europe?
3. Why could one call the Spanish arrival a ‘stampede’?
4. What does the narrator say is a ‘perfect source of food’?
5. How is that animal seen as a staple food for some and a curse for others?
6. Who was the hidden passenger on board European ships and what were the consequences?

**II. The Great Dying:**

1. To what did Europeans attribute the disease and death of Native Americans?
2. What was the impact of Native American deaths?
3. What is the evidence of God’s 2nd creation that Europeans send back home?
4. What is the unwelcomed passenger and unintentional gift with deadly consequences in Europe?

**III.  A New Wave of Settlement in the 17th Century:**

1. Who is the new “superpower of Europe?”
2. There was no gold in the rivers, but what did Europeans find there that amazed them?
3. How long does it take for European settlements to create *‘overfishing’*?
4. Why were American trees ‘doomed’?

**IV. A “New” New World:**

1. What new items do Europeans bring to the new world?
2. What less welcome guests do the Europeans bring with them in their bags of seeds?
3. How do these new items impact the Americas?
4. What is the Columbian Exchange and its impact on the world?
5. What impact does the potato have and why does it thrive in Europe?
6. Only one animal ends up in Europe, what is it?
7. Why did Columbian exchange impact European environment so much less than the reverse?

**V. To exploit the resources of the new world, an explosion of exploitation of humans results:**

1. What made the creation of the ‘new world’ possible?
2. What is the ‘accident of ecology’?
3. 500 years later, what do you believe Columbus and Isabella would say if they could see The New World today?