Chapter 1: The Meeting of Cultures

Objectives:
1. Describe the history of the Native Americans before the arrival of Columbus.
2. What was the New World like at the time of Christopher Columbus?
3. Explain the ways in which the peoples of the New and Old Worlds affected each other when their societies came in contact in the late fifteenth century.
4. Describe the changes taking place in Western Europe that resulted in widespread interest in colonization and the connections between what was happening in the Americas and what was happening in the rest of the world.
5. What were the colonial policies of each nation involved and the effect each had on the future of the Americas? Which one was ‘best’? Why?
6. Describe the reasons for the rivalry between Spain and England during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the impact of that rivalry on international affairs.
7. Describe the African culture from which slaves were taken and the early development of slavery.
8. What role did religion play in European efforts to colonize the New World?
9. Explain how the experiences of the English in Ireland influenced their efforts to colonize North America.
10. Describe the first efforts of the English to establish a colony, and the reasons for their failure.

Terms/People:
11. Mayans
12. Commanche
13. Incas
14. Aztecs
15. Cahokians
16. Conquistadores
17. Mestizos
18. Vasco da Gama
19. Leif Eriksson
20. Mercantilism
21. Martin Luther
22. Henry VIII
23. English
24. Puritans
25. Spanish Armada
26. Sir Walter Raleigh
27. Henry Hudson
28. Reformation