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1. This was the first truly global age when ships from Europe sailed the world’s oceans bringing together the Old World and the New. What is the name given to this historical era that began with the great voyages of discovery and lasted from approximately 1500 AD to the present?
2. What capitalist enterprise used a Triangular Trade Route to send Africa’s chief export to the Americas in exchange for plantation products such as sugar, tobacco, and cotton?
3. To get more income from taxes on trade, European monarchs encouraged merchants to create companies to sell shares in expensive ocean trading voyages. What were these businesses called?
4. After Columbus connected the two landmasses, an exchange of products began: what is this exchange referred to as?
5. After the Ming dynasty was overthrown by a peasant army, Manchu nomads crossed the Great Wall, took control of China, and established China’s last dynasty. What was this final Chinese dynasty?
6. Centuries of internal wars in Japan finally ended after a series of three military rulers (shoguns) used guns (Portuguese) to take control of Japan and bring it under one government. What was the government that took over Japan and then adopted a policy of near total isolation?
7. Spain’s holdings in America extended from what is now the southern U.S. to the tip of South America. This area was called?
8. Christopher Columbus “discovered” America; this set in motion a chain of events that would profoundly change life in the Americas and elsewhere in the world. What is this chain of events referred to as?
9. Describe what the Samurai culture. What does it tell us about human nature?