

APUSH

Period One- 1491-1607

Lesson: Explain how and why the Native Americans interacted with the environment prior to European contact.

Examine the maps and think about the following questions:

- * Which continent was more populated by 1491?
- * Which continent featured more cultural diversity?
- * What do the answers to these questions tell us about the future encounter between the people living on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean?

Each student will receive an image of Native American life prior to the arrival of Europeans in 1492. For each image, each student must answer the following question.

a. What does your image tell us about the lives of the Native Americans prior to European contact?

As a team, you must answer this question.

b. What does the collection (all five of the images together) tell us about the lives of the Native Americans prior to European contact.

As a class, I want us each to think about this question.

c. How do we know what we know about the Native Americans from this period in American history?