



MANKIND: THE STORY OF ALL OF US

EPISODE 8: TREASURE

THIS WORKSHEET SET INCLUDES, IN ORDER, A 59-QUESTION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, TRUE OR FALSE, AND SHORT ANSWER WORKSHEET. THE SET ALSO INCLUDES, IN ORDER, AN ANSWER KEY.

EPISODE SUMMARY FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL: Silver flows out of the mines of the Americas, helping spur new empires and global links. The growth of trade doesn't just include products, it includes people. The brutal trans-Atlantic slave trade becomes an enormous human trafficking system, leading to enslavement of tens of millions of Africans. Pilgrims, searching for religious freedom, travel to the New World. Mankind is becoming increasingly connected, with transformative consequences.

Keys Include: Silver, Trade, Slavery

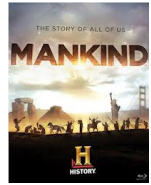
Terms to define: catalyst, commodity, cultivate, encroachment, galleon, helm, iconic, incapacitated, pilgrim, reprisal



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FRANCIS DRAKE**0:00**

1. In 1579, who is the Englishman who helps launch a new age of piracy and becomes the most successful pirate in history?

2. Drake's secret partner-in-crime is the English _____, Elizabeth I...He's already plundered over _____ Spanish ships. The King of _____ has put a price on his head, _____ dollars today, dead or alive.

3. What is the Spanish ship, the Cacafuego, carrying?

4. Why can't Drake risk an all out attack?

5. His plan: a surgical strike from _____ quarters, to take out the Spanish galleon's main _____ ...Two _____ balls chained together smash through the mast.

6. True or False. The pirate haul from the Cacafuego was enough to pay off England's entire national debt and fund the English government for a year.

SILVER**5:30**

7. What is the key to the new global economy?

8. High in the Andes of _____ America, a discovery that will launch a new era in the story of mankind: Potosi, a mountain made of _____.

9. True or False. In Potosi, silver veins can be up to 12 feet thick.

10. But within _____ years, the richest silver ore is mined out, leaving Spanish engineers with a _____. The remaining ore is too low grade for the silver to be extracted using _____.

11. True or False. Bartolomeu Medina's secret formula of using mercury to extract silver is instantly successful.

12. Finally, a breakthrough. The missing ingredient, a common substance used to tan leather: _____. Reacting with mercury, the missing catalyst that

_____ the silver from its impurities. The key that turns the mines of _____ into the richest source of silver mankind has ever known.

13. How much silver was mined in Potosi each year?

14. What are the Spanish silver coins that become the world's first universal currency called?

15. True or False. The silver Spanish coin was legal tender in the United States until 1857.

16. What does the scroll and pillars of the Spanish royal crest inspire?

17. Spanish fleets ship _____ tons out of silver out of the Americas, creating a new Atlantic _____.

TULIP MARKET IN THE NETHERLANDS

12:55

18. What becomes the world's new richest and busiest trading city?

19. A century after the _____ conquest of the New World, the riches of the Americas and an explosion of global _____, have turned the Netherlands into the _____ nation on the planet. The Dutch control over half the world's _____. More new millionaires than _____ else on earth. The highest income per head in _____. A city in love with _____.

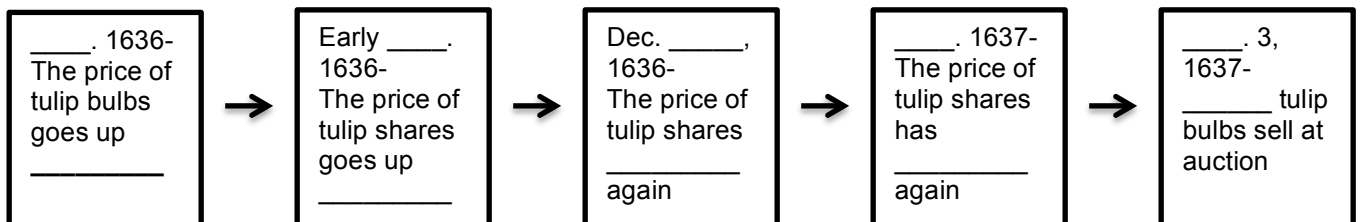
20. True or False. Jan Van Goyen was a successful artist who hated gambling.

21. What exotic luxury imported from Turkey is in demand in Amsterdam?

22. Today, a tulip bulb sells for about _____ cents, but in Holland in _____, the rarest bulbs are selling for _____ times their weight in _____.

23. True or False. Amsterdam's merchants give birth to speculation and the Future's Market when they begin to sell the rights to next years tulip harvest and not the bulbs themselves.

24. Fill in the Sequence Map below to illustrate how the price of tulip shares rose from November 1636 to January 1637.



25. True or False. The price of tulips crash and tulips once sold for 5,000 guilders are now worthless.

26. What did Jan Van Goyen do to pay off his tulip investment debt that made him famous?

PILGRIMS

27. One group of _____ radicals will reject this world as corrupt and ungodly, and set on a _____ that will transform the future of a continent:
_____.
28. What does this group call themselves? _____
29. Why did this group come to North America? _____
30. Within months, the Pilgrims are struggling to _____. They land at the start of a bitter New England _____. Their crops fail. Malnutrition. Starvation. _____. _____ men, women, and children make the crossing. _____ months later, _____ of them are dead.
31. Who does the land the Pilgrims have settled on belong to?

32. True or False. Mile Standish was not a soldier, but a simple Pilgrim.
33. 3,000 miles from home, the first _____ the Pilgrims encounter greets them in their own _____.
34. Samoset: a Wabenaki _____. His English learned from earlier _____ to this coast.
35. List three important things about Squanto.
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
36. True or False. Squanto was kidnapped by the Spanish, sold into slavery, won his freedom, made his way to London, learned English, was hired as an interpreter, and eventually earned his passage back home.
37. Who was the governor of the Pilgrims? _____
38. True of False. The Pilgrims would have survived without Squanto's help.
39. What does Squanto teach the Pilgrims to use as fertilizer for the sandy soil?

40. What is the key to the Pilgrims survival? _____
41. _____ % of all Americans today are descended from these _____ 50 pioneers.
42. _____ pioneers who turned their back on a world devoted to making _____, lay the foundations of the _____, the greatest trading nation of the future.

THE SLAVE TRADE

32:20

43. What commodity changes the destiny of Africa? _____
44. Who was Queen Nzinga Mbande's enemy? _____
45. In the _____ and Caribbean, the Spanish and Portuguese lay out vast new plantations of _____.
46. What new commodity arises out of the industrial scale agriculture in the Americas?

47. True or False. Queen Nzinga never sold African captives or prisoners of war to the Portuguese.
48. As the sugar trade _____, so does the demand for more African _____. Her former trading partners have _____ against her. They now want her _____ as slaves.
49. True or False. Queen Nzinga and her sisters successfully escape from the Portuguese slave traders.
50. Over _____ centuries, European slave traders will transport _____ million Africans to the New World, the majority from _____ Africa.
51. 250 years later _____ will be abolished. Mankind's taste for _____ transforms the face and civilization of _____ continents. Today, almost a _____ of the population of the Americas can trace their roots back to _____.

TAJ MAHAL

39:00

52. How many people is Shah Jahan the emperor of in India? _____
53. What does 'Shah Jahan' mean?

54. Contributing to Jahan's wealth, a string of trading _____ along India's coast, drawing thousands of _____ merchants flush with American _____.
55. 100 _____ of silver pours into India each year, generating _____ in taxes paid to one man, Shah _____.
56. With the emperor on campaign, his favorite _____ in labor with their _____ child. Her name, Mumtaz Mahal, 'the _____ of the palace'.
57. True or False. Mumtaz Mahal is saved by Shah Jahan.
58. What does Shah Jahan commission for his beloved wife?

59. Global _____ and wealth on a vast new scale creates some of mankind's most iconic _____. We'll spend the next 350 years building _____ to our economic power and our connected world.