

American Literature  
Study Guide - Cabeza de Vaca.tgt

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read over the questions below and think about the ideas and events in the selection. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. How do the Native Americans respond to the Spaniards in the first encounter between the two groups?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What prevents the Spaniards from succeeding in their effort to leave the island?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What options do the Spaniards have when their plight becomes desperate and what do they choose to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What do the Native Americans insist that the Spaniards do, and how do the Spaniards respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What Native American practice does Cabeza de Vaca try on himself? How does he describe the results?

Answer the following question based on your understanding of the selection. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (15 points)

6. Why do you think the Karankawas welcomed and aided Cabeza de Vaca and his crew? Use details from the selection to support your answer.