

Part A – The American Southwest – Explore the section on the North American conquest available at <http://www.pbs.org/opb/conquistadors/namerica/namerica.htm> and answer the following questions:

The First Americans

1. Who was the first person to come up with the idea of a “land bridge” as an explanation for how the “First Americans” came to North America? (1)
2. Which two continents were connected by the land bridge? In which sea? (2)
3. How long ago did agriculture start in North America? Where? With what food crop? (3)
4. How large was the first corn cob? (“Wild Corn” icon)
5. Where did the Hohokom move to from Mexico? (4)
6. Where did the Anasazi live? Where do their ancestors now live? (5)
7. Where did the Mississippians live? (6)

Culture is Everything

8. Who was the first European to travel through North America and write about the indigenous people he met? (1)
9. Why did Cabeza de Vaca come to Galveston Island? What is the name of the indigenous people he met there? (2)
10. How did the indigenous people act towards Cabeza de Vaca and his men? What did the Spanish think about the native people? (2)
11. What is the name of Cabeza de Vaca’s book about his journey? (3)
12. What is the name of the indigenous people who lived in South Texas and provided great feasts for the Spanish? What did they use in their religious ceremonies? (3)
13. Why did so many Coahuiltecas die? What else did the Spanish do to them? (4)

Part B – Exploring America – At the top of the page, click “Exploring America,” available at <http://www.pbs.org/opb/conquistadors/namerica/adventure2/a1.htm> and answer the following questions:

Adventures of Cabeza de Vaca

14. What does Cabeza de Vaca’s name mean? How did he get it? (1)
15. What decision by Narvaez did Cabeza de Vaca think foolish? (2)
16. How many of Cabeza de Vaca’s men made it to Galveston Island? How many survived the first winter? (3)
17. Which people engaged in cannibalism – the natives or the Spanish? (3)
18. What animal did Cabeza de Vaca and the other three survivors see (and eat) during their escape? (“Escape Plan” icon on page 4)
19. What was one of the most important outcomes of Cabeza de Vaca’s writings?
20. List the four examples of human qualities that Cabeza de Vaca attributed to the Native Americans he met. (“Human Qualities” icon)