**History of the World in 6 Glasses: Spirits in the Colonial Era Questions**

*Overview: “The emergence of these new distilled drinks occurred just as European explorer were first opening up the world’s sea routes, reaching around the southern tip of Africa to the east, and crossing the Atlantic to establish the first links with the New World in the west.”*

1. What was the significance of the city of Cordoba before the Spanish Reconquista?
2. How did the advancements of the Arabs inspire Europeans emerging from the “Dark Ages”?
3. What are the origins of distilled spirits?
4. What role did alchemists play in medieval Europe?
5. How did distilled alcoholic drinks become significant economic goods and matters of great political importance for Europe during the early modern era (1450-1750)?
6. How was distilled wine considered a “miracle cure” during the 13th century? (“By the late 13th century, as universities and medical schools began flowering throughout Europe”)
7. What were major significant effects form Johannes Gutenberg’s printing press during the 1430s?
8. Give specific examples of the significant contributions of Portugal Prince Henry the Navigator to European maritime exploration.
9. What was the chief motive of the Portuguese, Spanish, and other explores of the 15th century to expand and focus on maritime trading?
10. Describe Arab slavery from East Africa prior Europeans.
11. Describe the growing sugar cane processes.
12. Describe the causes and effects of Portuguese African slavery.
13. What were the European Christian reasons that side stepped Christian doctrine for using slave labor?
14. “Children of Ham”- what does this mean?
15. Read the following quote: “But the remoteness of the Atlantic islands meant that use of slave labor could be conveniently out of site.” Why is this significant to the story of slavery in the Americas?
16. What is the connection between spirits and colonization?
17. How was the production of spirits connected to slavery?
18. What were the result of Columbus’s second voyage to the Americas?
19. Effect on Africans brought across the Middle Passage.
20. Describe African slavers relationship with Europeans. Negative results? Foreshadowing?
21. What is the significance of Richard Ligon?
22. Describe the geographical result on Barbados and Caribbean islands on economy.
23. According to the chapter, why couldn’t a slave convert to Christianity?
24. “The planters of Barbados could literally have their sugar and drink it to.” = describe the importance of the sugar economy/plantocracy/plantations system.
25. Describe the “Seasoning Process” for slaves on sugar plantations; life as a slave on a sugar plantation in the Caribbean and Brazil.
26. What role did spirits (specifically rum) play on the high seas?
27. Elaborate the quote: “Rum was the liquid embodiment of both the triumph and the oppression of the first era of globalization.”
28. Rum vs Brandy in North American colonies.
29. In the 18th century, how did spirits help Britain have a more superior navy than France?
30. Why were spirits an important staple in Colonial America?
31. English mercantilism over American colonies effects and issues.
32. Describe significance of French and Indian War (7 Years War).
33. How did rum play a role in the American Revolution?
34. Describe the causes and effects of the Whiskey Rebellion.
35. Overall, what were the negative effects/uses of spirits in the colonial era?