Learning Unit No. 2
"Peopling of the Americas:
Europeans"
(L.U. 2 involves chapters 2-4 in the text)

Unit Outcomes:

1. Identify the motives for European exploration.
2. Examine the impact of Columbus' discovery.
3. Explain ways in which the Spanish solidified their control in the New World.
4. Explain the motivations for the exploration of North America.
5. Examine the role of religion in encouraging New World settlement.
6. Identify the motives for early English colonization.

Outline:

    I. life in medieval Europe
    II. changes in Europe
        A. the development of trade and towns
        B. the Crusades
        C. emergence of strong monarchies
        D. increased curiosity (Renaissance)
        E. economic competition (Venice and Genoa)
    III. initial exploration
        A. Prince Henry and the Portuguese
      B. Christopher Columbus
        1. background
        2. discoveries
        3. the debate
    IV. Spain builds an empire
      A. further exploration (Vespucci, Cabral, Balboa, and Magellan)
      B. taking control (Cortes and Pizarro)
      C. exploring the north (Ponce de Leon, Coronado, De Sota, Cabrilla)
      D. life in the Spanish colonies (New Spain)
    V. search for a Northwest Passage
      A. Cabot's initial adventure (Grand Banks)
      B. the search (Verrazano, Cartier, Champlain, and Hudson)
    VI. the religious factor
      A. the Protestant Reformation (Martin Luther)
      B. the Huguenots attempt to settle in Florida
      C. "sea dogs" and the armada
    VII. the failure at Roanoke (Sir Walter Raleigh)

Key terms and names: (and quotations)

feudalism	Middle Ages (medieval)
lords	vassals
serfs	Vikings
Holy Land	nationalism
joint-stock company	capital
Reconquista	Ferdinand and Isabella
Columbian exchange	genocide
Line of Demarcation	circumnavigate
conquistadors	adobe
viceroyalty	haciendas
Creoles	Mestizos
mercantilism	Sir Francis Drake

West; nothing to the north, nothing to the south. Christopher Columbus

We may rightly call this continent the New World.   Amerigo Vespucci

Readings:

_____ 1. pp. 23 - 28   _____ 5. pp. 47 - 51   _____ 9. pp. 73 - 76

_____ 2. pp. 29 - 33   _____ 6. pp. 51 - 57   _____ 10. pp. 76 - 78

_____ 3. pp. 33 - 36   _____ 7. pp. 57 - 63   _____ 11. pp. 80 - 82

_____ 4. pp. 38 - 43   _____ 8. pp. 65 - 69   _____ 12. pp. 83 - 85