

Study Guide
For "First Encounters"

Identify these people, places, or important terms:

From "La Relacion":

Cabeza de Vaca
Galveston Island
Lope de Oviedo
Karankawa tribe

From "Of Plymouth Plantation":

William Bradford
Cape Cod
William Brewster and Myles Standish
Samoset
Squanto
Massasoit
Pilgrims

From "Women and Children First":

Dorothy Bradford
Mayflower
The Billingtons
Oceanus Hopkins

From "The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano":

Olaudah Equiano
Barbados
The Middle Passage

From "Struggling to Settle Jamestown":

Jamestown
John Smith
Powhatan

From "The Devastation of the Indies: A Brief Account":

Bartolome de Las Casas
Hispaniola
cacique
Cuba
Hatuey

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

From "La Relacion":

After the Karankawas brought food what happened to put the Spaniards in an even worse situation?

What words does Cabeza de Vaca use to describe the Native Americans on Galveston Island?

How do you think the Karankawas viewed the Spanish explorers?

Contrast the healing methods of the Karankawas with the healing methods of the Spanish.

From "Of Plymouth Plantation":

How does William Bradford describe the ocean and the land of Cape Cod? Why might the terrain be threatening to the Pilgrims?

Describe how the Pilgrims protected themselves from the weather and the natives.

What did the men like William Brewster and Myles Standish do to help the Pilgrims during "the starving time?"

Summarize the pact the Pilgrims made with Massasoit's tribe.

Describe the spread of food at the first Thanksgiving.

From "Women and Children First":

Given the information in this selection, do you think Dorothy Bradford committed suicide? Why or why not?

Were you surprised about the existence of a family of troublemakers among the Mayflower company? Why or why not?

From "The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano":

Give three reasons Olaudah was frightened when he first encountered the slave ship.

Why did the sailors whip the captives who refused to eat?

Describe three characteristics of the slave ship.

What does Olaudah mean when he calls slave traders "nominal Christians?"

What "new refinement of cruelty" does Olaudah accuse his captors at the end of his account?

From "Struggling to Settle Jamestown":

Identify four ways that the natives helped the English settlers at Jamestown survive.

From "The Devastation of the Indies: A Brief Account":

How many years after Columbus's discovery of the New World was this account written?

Describe how it was possible for the Spaniards to totally depopulate the islands.

Find three ways the natives tried to resist the Spanish conquest.

Describe four methods of extreme cruelty the Spaniards used against the natives of Hispaniola or Cuba.

