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**7th Grade Semester One Exam Essay Question**

**Directions: Please choose one (and ONLY one) of the following topics to write about. Be sure to address both prompts in each topic, but answer prompt “A” before you answer prompt “B”.**

**Topic 1: Pre-European Cultures in New Mexico.**

1. To complete this question you need to address both prompts given below. For full credit, you need to completely answer both prompts!
   1. Please describe, in order, five of the cultures that existed in New Mexico before the arrival of the Spanish. Please list the important facts about each culture, as discussed in class.
   2. A major reason the cultures of New Mexico changed over time was environmental. The ending of the Ice age caused a huge shift in Native populations. Another reason that cultures changed in New Mexico was the arrival of Europeans. If you had to choose which of these caused the MOST change in New Mexico Cultures, which would you choose? Why would you choose this?

**Topic 2: Spanish Explorers**

1. To complete this question you need to address both prompts given below. For full credit, you need to completely answer both prompts!
   1. Please write a brief essay describing four (4) of the Spanish Explorers in the New World that we have discussed in this chapter. Your choice of explorers MUST include Christopher Columbus, Hernando Cortes, Francisco Coronado, and one other explorer of your choice. Please make sure to include all the pertinent details, as discussed in class.
   2. The Spanish intrusion onto the New World was devastating for the Native populations. Assume, for argument’s sake, that the Columbus expedition had failed, with all ships sinking to the bottom of the ocean. How do you think this would have effected events in the Old and New World? Would it have made a significant difference in the long run, or would the same things have happened? Tell me why you think this.

**Topic 3: The Pueblo Revolt and the Reconquest of New Mexico.**

1. To complete this question you need to address both prompts given below. For full credit, you need to completely answer both prompts!
   1. Please write a brief essay describing the events leading up and including to the Pueblo Revolt, and the Spanish return afterwards. Please include all pertinent information about these events, as discussed in class.
   2. The Pueblo Revolt caused the death of hundreds of men, women, and children. Do you think the Pueblo people had a moral right to do this? Did they have an obligation to do this? Was this the right thing to do, or should they have done something else? Please write me a single paragraph and tell me what you think and why you think this.