1. **Japan – *Bill, Pat, Lincoln*** 
   * Feudal society in Japan
   * Highest Emperor (no political power)
   * Actual Power – Shogun
   * Large landowners- Daimyo
   * Warriors loyal to Daimyo –Samurai
   * Peasants - Workers
   * Merchants - Lowest level but gradually get power
   * Artisans – made swords and tools for samurai
   * By 1590, Doyotomi Hideyoshi had brought most of Japan under his control, but he failed to conquer Korea and China.

Questions:

* + Did Japan have any problems with Western people like the British?
  + Why did Doyotomi want to conquer Korea and China? Any specific reason?
  + Why did he fail?
  + How did Doyotomi get control of Japan?
  + Why did the Emperor not have any power?
  + What is the difference between Samurai and Artisans?
  + Why was Doyotomi so important in Japan?
  + What made Doyotomi control Japan but not Korea and China?
  + How did Feudalism end?
  + Did the Daimyo (Samurai) affect any other country?
  + How many countries did Japan conquer?
  + Who did Japan trade with the most?
  + Why couldn’t Japan attack China and Korea?
  + Who was Doyotomi?
  + How did Doyotomi control most of Japan?
  + Was Japan’s economy strong enough to conquer another country?
  + How advanced was Japanese technology?
  + How did China manage to keep the economy stable even when it was in a big dispute with Westerners?
  + Why did they choose Beijing as their capital?
  + What affect did Westerners bring to Japan?
  + What was the feudal system?

1. **China – *Larry, Catherine, Diana***

* By the early 1600s, the aging Ming dynasty was decaying
* The Manchus ruled a region in the Northeast, Manchuria in 1644, Manchus seized Beijing and made it to their capital
* Manchus set up a new dynasty called Qing
* 🡪 adopted Confucian system of Qing
* During Qing dynasty , territory was the largest
* Economy expanded
* 🡪 New crops from the Americas
* 🡪 Population boom
* Qing traded with Europeans in early 1600s, but in only Guangzhou
* IN 1590, a visitor described Chinese artisans “cleverly marking devices out of gold, silver, and other metals”

Questions:

* + Why did China just open Guangzhou?
  + Why did England send only Gold and Silver? Were there any other metals?
  + Why was the Manchu empire called “Qing”?
  + In the 1600s how much trade was there between China and Europeans?
  + Why did the Qing adopt the Confucian system of the Ming?
  + Was the population-boom a good thing or a bad thing?
  + How did the economy expand?
  + Why was Canton (Guangzhou) chosen as a trading place?
  + If China was so advanced in the 1500s, why are they behind the modern world?
  + What would have changed if the Chinese didn’t stop the trade with the Europeans?
  + Why was there a population boom in China?
  + How could the Qing conquer the largest area of China?
  + How did China affect other countries?
  + What is the difference between the Ming and the Qing?
  + How did the corruption of the Ruling Class begin?
  + Was China a powerful country from 1500-1750?
  + How did Confucianism change China?
  + Who did China trade with?

1. **Transportation of Trade -** 
   * Columbian Exchange

Questions:

* + What was the Columbian Exchange?
  + Besides the Columbian Exchange, what other trade was going on?
  + How did it spread?
  + What was the effect?
  + Why was it so important in history?
  + What other trade is happening at this time?
  + What makes the Columbian exchange unique?
  + What was traded?
  + Did they have any humanity in them when they were transporting humans as slaves?
  + How valuable were the slaves that were being traded?
  + Which route was most popular around the world?
  + Which country traded the most?
  + What Africans get from Europe and the USA?
  + Which country had the most slaves?
  + Who did trading help?

1. **Spain – Mike, Richard, Alice**
   * 1550-1650 golden age
   * 1571 Battle of lepanto vs. Ottoman Empire
   * 1588 Attacks England – Spanish Armada

Questions:

* + Why was Spain so powerful at that time?
  + Who won the battle in 1571
  + Did the attack of Spain on England change anything?
  + What happened in the country during the golden age (1550-1650)?
  + Why did Spain attack England?
  + What happened when they attacked England?
  + What kind of weapons did they use?
  + What did Spain accomplish during the Golden Age?
  + How did the Golden Age start?
  + What did they trade with Asia?
  + Who were the rulers and what were their accomplishments during the golden era?

1. **Bolivia and South America -** 
   * 1519- Hernan Cortes lands on the coast of Mexico\*
   * 1521-Cortes completes the conquest of Aztec\*
   * 1521-Cortes brutally captures and destroys Tenochtitlan\*
   * Spaniards spread Christianity throughout the world
   * By the mid 1500s, Spain had a vast empire from California to South America
   * 1532-Pizarro arrived in Peru
   * In 1584,slaves were laboring at the Potosi, silver mine in Bolivia
   * The King of Spain setup the Vicereroys that represented him in each province
   * They were also spreading Christianity.

Questions:

* + How did silver affect the world economy?
  + Did Spain help or just destroy and disrupt?
  + What was the purpose of spreading Christianity?
  + Did the conquering of the Aztec and the Incas change the world?
  + How much power did S. American have over the world?
  + How could Spain conquer South America?
  + What was the relationship between Cortez and Pizzaro?
  + Where did the Spanish get Christianity?
  + Why did they choose Potosi to bring slaves to?
  + How did other countries know they had so much silver?
  + Why did Spain need South America
  + How were the S American countries treated after they were colonized?
  + Was it easy to spread Christianity here?
  + How was it spread?

1. **Manila, The Philippines - Philippines – Spain took over**
   * Within 50 years, Spain colonizes the island.
   * Filipinos were not united – easy to conquer
   * Spain tries to convert the Filipinos to Christianity
   * Later, Missionaries spread to China and Japan
   * Philippine becomes the Spain’s overseas trading empire.

Questions:

* + Why did the Philippines become so important to the Spanish empire?
  + Did the Filipinos accept Christianity without any protest?
  + Why didn’t the Philippines fight Spain?
  + What language do they speak?
  + What did Spain trade in the Philippines?
  + Why weren’t the Filipinos united?
  + What attracted Spain to the Philippines?
  + What was being traded in Manila?
  + What did the Philippines think about other countries?
  + How many years was it a Spanish colony?
  + Why did the Spanish spread Christianity from here?
  + How did the Spanish use this country?
  + Were there any protests about the colonization?
  + How many became Christians?