**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 2—Europeans Encounter the New World, 1492–1600**

* **What were the most significant effects of European exploration in the sixteenth century?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself how the Portuguese and Spanish affected commerce in Europe, Africa, and the Americas and how they affected the populations and native cultures of Africa and the Americas. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the effects in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Effect on global trade and commerce** | **Impact on the Americas** | **Impact on Europe** |
| **Europe in the Age of Exploration** |  |  |  |
| Mediterranean Trade and European Expansion |  |  |  |
| A Century of Portuguese Exploration |  |  |  |
| **A Surprising New World in the Western Atlantic** |  |  |  |
| The Explorations of Columbus |  |  |  |
| The Geographic Revolution and the Columbian Exchange |  |  |  |
| **Spanish Exploration and Conquest** |  |  |  |
| The Conquest of Mexico |  |  |  |
| The Search for Other Mexicos |  |  |  |
| Spanish Outposts in Florida and New Mexico |  |  |  |
| New Spain in the Sixteenth Century |  |  |  |
| The Toll of Spanish Conquest and Colonization |  |  |  |
| **The New World and Sixteenth-Century Europe** |  |  |  |
| The Protestant Reformation and the Spanish Response |  |  |  |
| Europe and the Spanish Example |  |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **What were the most significant effects of European exploration in the sixteenth century?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, you might want to consider what the Portuguese and Spanish were seeking in their voyages to the New World and how their voyages affected life in Europe. Also consider their impressions of the cultures they encountered and the physical and cultural effects of their presence in the Americas. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*