Chapter Twenty:
Africa and the Africans in the Age of the Atlantic Slave Trade

Review Questions

Answer each question, at the minimum one paragraph for each answer for full credit.

1) Compare the political, social, and economic organization of the Americas with those of Africa.

2) Trace the Western effects on the political development of Africa and how slavery was a component in the nature of state formation in sub-Saharan Africa.

3) Trace the stages in the Portuguese exploration and penetration of Africa.

4) Trace the changes in the volume of the Atlantic slave trade between 1450 and 1850.

5) Describe the demographic effect of the African slave trade on the sub-Saharan region.

6) Discuss the arguments concerning the profitability of the slave trade.

7) Describe the effects of the slave trade on African state formation.

8) Define the Mfecane and its effects on southern Africa.

9) Summarize the social structure of American slave-based societies.

10) Trace how the slave trade came to an end.