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Guns, Germs, and Steel: Episode 3 Questions

Directions: Before viewing the film, read each question below so you know what information and ideas you should be looking for as you watch Episode 1. Record your answers to each question by providing as many facts, details, and examples as possible to answer each question. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class.

1. Why were the Europeans who settled the South African cape so successful? Describe two reasons. (Main idea question)

2. How did disease allow the Europeans to conquer the native populations in the Americas and in the African cape? (Main idea/ detail question)

3. While the Europeans who were attempting to overtake/settle the tropical areas of the African continent were responsible for introducing killer germs to the native populations, they also suffered from the effects of the germs native to this part of the world. Describe how these germs worked against the European settlers? (Main idea/ detail question)

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4. How did the native Africans protect themselves from the germs that caused diseases such as Smallpox and Malaria? Give specific examples cited in the film. (Detail question)

5. How has the colonization of Africa created countries riddled with disease? Give specific examples from the film. (Detail question)

6. How has disease contributed to the poverty in many African countries such as Zambia? (Detail question)

7. What did you think of documentary Guns, Germs, and Steel? Did you think it was useful? Did you think it was fun? (Opinion question)