

Environment & History Historical Analysis Prep

Name:

Bring to class on Wednesday, August 30

Key Terms to Define

- Material Culture

Reading Interpretation & Analysis

Look at these maps of Latin America's physical features, annual rainfall, vegetation, and Bauer's map of food crops (18). Before 1492, where do you think the largest population settlements would emerge? Why? Identify them on your blank map (see reverse).

Charles Mann applies modern scientific insights to analyze life in the Americas before and after contact with Europe. What are his major conclusions, and what evidence does he use to support them?

Pick a personal material culture artifact that defines you. What is it? What does it reveal about your expression of your identity (Bauer page 3)?

How does Bauer use material culture as a way to think about power and identity?

What key regional differences do you see in New World peoples and cultures before 1492?