QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER NINETEEN

1. What were chartered companies? How did they affect the French, English, Dutch, and Portuguese colonies?

2. What factors caused the shift to slave labor in the production of sugar? Why were slaves a “better investment” than indentured servants?

3. What were some of the environmental and ecological results of the growth of plantation colonies?

4. Describe some of the main features of the slaves’ lives? What caused the high mortality rate among slaves and how did this rate affect the social, cultural, and political conditions in the West Indies?

5. Describe how “capitalism” and “mercantilism” shaped the Atlantic economy. What part did these two systems play in the development of chartered companies, the use of military means and laws for European nations to compete in their overseas trade?
6. What was the “Great Circuit” and what part did the “Middle Passage” play in it? How did these affect the lives of the slaves and the slave traders involved?

7. Compare the impact of the slave trade on different areas in Africa, i.e., the Gold and Slave Coasts of West Africa, Oyo and Asante, the Bight of Biafra, and Angola. What internal factors might have played a role in their different responses to the slave trade?

7. Compare the Islamic attitudes and slave practices with those of the Europeans.

8. How did slavery affect Africa? Fill out your Summary Sheet #1 showing some general characteristics of sub-Saharan Africa.

TERMS TO KNOW

- Plantocracy
- Grands blancs
- Petits blancs
- Maroons
- Capitalism
- Joint-stock companies
- Chartered companies
- Mercantilism
- Jean Colbert
- Great Circuit (Triangular Trade)
- Middle Passage
- Gold Coast
- Slave Coast
- Dahomey, Oyo, Asante
- Angola
- Jihad
- Ayuba Suleiman Diallo