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| **Unit II – Rebirth and Exploration** |
| **(2-4) The Transatlantic Economy – pg. 272 – 290** |
| **Guided Reading Questions** |

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*Answer the question or define the term for each:*

**Transatlantic Economy**

**Periods of European Overseas Empires**

1. Briefly describe and give the characteristics of each of the four stages of European contact with the rest of the world:

**People to Know**

* Philip V (r. 1700-1746)
* Charles III (r. 1759-1788)

Stage 1 –

Stage 2 –

Stage 3 –

**Terms to Know**

* mercantilism
* viceroy
* peninsulares
* creoles

Stage 4 –

1. What allowed Europeans to exercise their influence and their will over the rest of the world?

**Mercantile Empires**

1. List the major areas of control for each of the major colonial powers:

Spain –

**Key Events**

**1492-1600 –** Stage 1 of European-World contact

**1600-1820** – Stage 2 of European-World contact

**1820-1950 –** Stage 3 of European World contact

**1950~ –** Stage 4 of European-World contact

Britian –

France –

Netherlands –

**Mercantilist Goals –**

1. Under mercantilist thinking, how does a nation gain wealth?
2. Why has the 18th century be labeled by some as the “golden age of smugglers”?

**French-British Rivalry**

1. What area of the Americas was the most highly sought after and why?
2. What allowed France and Britain to exercise more influence and control over India?

**The Spanish Colonial System**

**Colonial Government**

1. How would you describe the governmental structure of the Spanish colonial government?

**Trade Regulations**

1. Describe the *flota system*?
2. What impact did the reforms of Charles III have on the Spanish mercantile system?

**Black African Slavery, The Plantation System, and the Atlantic Economy**

1. What caused the Portuguese to seek African slaves?

**The African Presence in the Americas**

1. What was the source of the slave in the slave markets that populated the west African coast?
2. Where were the majority of slaves imported?
3. Looking at *Map 16-2,* What is interesting to note about the nation of France as opposed to the other major nations of Europe?
4. What accounts for the increase in slave trading that occurred during the 17th century?

**Slavery and the Transatlantic economy**

1. Describe the geographical trade system between Europe, African and the Americas.

**The Experience of Slavery**

1. Although disputed, how many African slaves were transported to the Americas?
2. Describe the process of “seasoning” a slave.
3. What did eventually having a shared language allow the African slaves to do?
4. How was the life and welfare of a slave viewed?\*
5. What is important about the following dates as they relate to slavery:

1794 –

1807 –

1863 –

1888 –