

## Mercantilism – TDQ's

Directions: Read the article "Mercantilism" and answer the following questions as you read. You will need to cite examples from the reading to support your answers. All answers must be in complete sentences.

1. What was unique about the Frenchmen's observations of the Iroquois Indians who came to trade with the colonists?
2. Where had the tea, sugar, and cups come from?
3. According to the author, what does it mean for a nation to have a "favorable balance of trade"?
4. What was the common belief about wealth amongst the nations of Europe?
5. Who is the author referring to when the term "mother country" is used?
6. What was the main function of early cities? Why did so few develop in the South?
7. What were the major raw resources provided by the colonies to England? Why was this an advantage for the England?
8. What was the basis for overseas trade for the colonists?
9. Cite several examples of people who would have been considered tradesmen in the colonies. Why were they an important part of the colonial society?
10. List several examples merchandise imported from England into the colonies?
11. Cite the benefits of the system of mercantilism for both the colonies and England.
12. What was England's rationale for restricting colonial trade with other nations?
13. What was the negative impact of trade restrictions such as the Navigation Acts on the colonies?
14. What was the benefit of the Triangular Trade for New Englanders?
15. Explain why smuggling became a new industry in the colonies. Why was it effective?
16. How did the average life of a colonist compare to that of counterparts in England under the system of mercantilism? Cite several examples.