**Chapter 21 Reading Guide: Cross Cultural Interactions.** Directions: As you read pages 435-457, answer the following questions thoroughly.

**Terms:**

Marco Polo:

Diplomacy:

Rabban Sauma:

Ibn Battuta:

Gunpowder:

Bubonic Plague:

Ming Dynasty:

Emperor Hongwu:

Hundred Years’ War:

Renaissance:

Humanism:

Zheng He:

Christopher Columbus:

**Reading Guide:**

Why were the travels of Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta important?

What were the effects of agricultural and technological diffusion along trade routes?

Trace the origins and spread of the Bubonic Plague.

What were the social and economic effects of the plague?

How did things change in China after the collapse of the Yuan Dynasty?

What were the contributions of Emperor Hongwu?

How was recovery in Europe different than in China?

How and where did the Renaissance begin? Why is it significant?

What was the purpose for the voyages of Zheng He? Why were the voyages of Zheng He ended?

Why did the Portuguese begin exploring the west coast of Africa?

**Big Picture Questions (Answer in 3-4 sentences for each question)**

1. What role did pastoral and nomadic groups play in the trade networks in Eurasia?
2. What factors encouraged commercial growth in the post-classical era?
3. What were the effects of migration in the post-classical era?
4. What were the environmental effects of migration in the post-classical era?
5. What were the linguistic effects of migration in the post-classical era?
6. Why and where did Muslim trade networks change in the post-classical era?
7. What institutions did merchants create to foster both trade and cultural diffusion in the post-classical era?
8. How well did post-classical societies know and understand each other?
9. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions?
10. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of scientific and technological traditions?
11. What were the biological effects of post-classical trade?
12. What new foods, crops, and agricultural practices diffused in the post-classical era?
13. What diseases and pathogens also spread via post-classical trade networks?
14. What technological and cultural exchanges did states encourage in the post-classical era?
15. What were the overall worldwide economic trends in the post-classical era?