1. In what ways did European empires in the Americas resemble their Russian, Chinese, Mughal, and Ottoman counterparts, and in what respects were they different? Do you find the similarities or the differences most striking? **Page 554**
2. How might you define the significance of Doña Marina’s life? In what larger contexts might that life find a place? **Page 559**
3. List the large-scale transformations that European empires generated for the following: **Page 562**

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| Native American Interactions |  |
| Columbian Exchange |  |
| Industrial Revolution |  |

1. What was the economic foundation of colonial rule in Mexico and Peru? How did it shape the kinds of societies that arose there? **Page 564**
2. How did the plantation societies of Brazil and the Caribbean differ from those of southern colonies in British North America? **Page 568**
3. What motivated Russian empire building? **Page 573**
4. What were the distinctive features of Chinese empire building in the early modern era? **Page 578**
5. How did Mughal attitudes and policies toward Hindus change from the time of Akbar to that of Aurangzeb? **Page 580**
6. In what ways was the Ottoman Empire important for Europe in the early modern era? **Page 583**
7. How might you summarize the origins and outcomes of the devshirme system? How does this practice alter your understanding of slavery? **Page 587**

**End of Chapter: Big Picture Questions**

1. In thinking about the similarities and differences among the empires of the early modern era, what categories of comparison might be most useful to consider?
2. Looking Back: Compared to the world of the fifteenth century, what new patterns of development are visible in the empire-building projects of the centuries that followed?