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***THE PEARL WEB QUEST***

Use the following websites to help you complete these questions about The Pearl’s author, historical background, and context.

**BE SURE TO TYPE THE URLS CORRECTLY!**

First start the web quest at www.msberti.weebly.com

* Then go to the link titled: ENGLISH 1
* Click on the link titled: THE PEARL
* Find the section titled: THE PEARL WEB QUEST INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY & start exploring the different pages to find the answers.

1. Fill out the timeline about John Steinbeck’s life.

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| 1902 |  |
| 1919 | Enrolls in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ University, but drops out. |
| 1935 | Publishes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which sells 26,000 copies in the first year |
| 1937 |  |
| 1939 | Published \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which later wins the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prize. |
| 1968 |  |

2. According to the video, what are some reasons John Steinbeck’s novels are so popular?

* Next, explore the BACKGROUND ON MEXICAN HERITAGE AND PEOPLE

3. What is the setting of *The Pearl*?

4. What are the two main social classes? Be sure to write down the characters’ names and the social class they belong to as well.

5. Who was described as being at the bottom of the social ladder? Explain how the governing class was able to keep them oppressed.

* Next, watch the video on MEXICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

6. How many Indian cultures survive today in Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. The ancient civilizations of Mexico are still a mystery but archeologists have discovered that their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ skills were highly advanced. For example, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more accurate than our own that we use today.

* Next, watch the video on COLONY OF NEW SPAIN

8. What did the Spaniards believe was their Christian duty? What were some of the ways that they did this?

9. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an epidemic of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swept across the land. Explain what happened to the Native Americans when this occurred.

10. How did the Spaniards benefit from this epidemic?

11. By the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the colony of New Spain was well established in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Texas.

* Next, explore THE ART OF STORYTELLING

12. How was Steinbeck inspired to write *The Pearl*?

13. Steinbeck originally did not want to write a novel for *The Pearl* but a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead.

14. Define oral tradition.

15. Explain the significance of the following quote:

"In the town they tell the story of the great pearl – how it was found and how it was lost again. They tell of Kino, the fisherman, and of his wife, Juana, and of the baby, Coyotito. And because the story has been told so often, it has taken root in every man's mind...In any case, they say in the town that…"

* Next, go to CULTIVATING PEARLS

16. Why was the pearl so desirable?

17. In 1519, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led the Spanish exploration of Mexico.

18. What was the relationship like between the Europeans and the natives? Why?

19. In the 1930s, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became very popular in European fashion

20. Until the mid-19th century, Mexicans dove from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hours each day. They used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that worked both as a tool to open oysters and as a weapon against predators.

21. What happened to the pearl industry?