

Historical Analysis Pre-Departure Quiz
J-Term Martinique 2017

Name: _____
Grade: _____/15

I. History.

1. Who charted the island in 1493 then arrived by boat on the western shore in 1502?
2. Colonists of which European country founded St. Pierre in 1635?
3. In 1685, which European king allowed the forcible removal of Africans from their homeland to work as slaves on Martinican plantations?
4. What is the name of the law regulating slavery and containing 60 articles?
5. In the 19th century, the first large factories were established to process which cash crop? (Hint: many of these mills were converted into rum distilleries in the early 20th century, reviving the Martinican economy).
6. What is the name of the most famous Creole in 19th century Martinique who rose from relative obscurity to rule the French Empire in the early 1800s alongside her husband Napoleon? (Hint: France had originally abolished slavery in 1789, but soon after Napoleon came to power in 1804, it was re-established. Many say it was this person who pushed for the change to benefit her family's failing plantation interests)
7. Which famous French legislator obtained a decree abolishing slavery permanently in 1848?
8. What is the name of the volcano that erupted in 1902 and 1929, causing over 29,000 casualties?
9. When did Martinique become an Overseas Department of France (DOM)?

II. Geography and Identity

1. Where is Martinique located? Name a few well known neighboring countries and/or territories.

2. What is the approximate size of the island? It is comparable to/slightly smaller than which US state?
3. What languages are spoken on the island?
4. Describe the geopolitical situation of the island. Is Martinique a country? Explain.
5. Which cash crops fuel the Martinican economy historically and today? What is the main source of jobs?
6. What is the ethnic origin of the Martinican majority? Are there minority populations on the island? Explain.