Coronado: Misfortune’s Explorer Worksheet
Seventh Grade

1. What was the primary motivation behind Coronado’s expedition in search of Quivira?
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2. Based on the image of the Great Plains, what would be the typical Spaniard’s reaction to the landscape?
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3. What effect did the hailstorm have on the Spaniard’s equipment and supplies?
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4. The hailstorm destroyed their “crockery” or water container. Why was this important?
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5. You are a Spanish explorer traveling across the featureless Great Plains. A devastating hailstorm destroys much of your equipment and injures your horses. What will you do
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6. What did Coronado do after the hailstorm? What does this say about his belief in Quivira? _____________________________________________________
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7. While on the Great Plains, how far did Coronado’s expedition march in a day? How did they keep track of the distance they traveled?
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8. Were the Great Plains disorienting to Coronado? If so, how did they react?
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9. What did the Turk hope would happen by lying and misleading Coronado?
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10. What was the Spaniards’ reaction to the Turk’s lies?

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11. Besides the Turk, who was Coronado’s other Indian guide? What were his feelings toward the Turk? Why do you think he felt this way?

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12. Why would the Plains Indians depend so heavily on meat, instead of growing corn?

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13. Did the Spanish consider Coronado’s expedition a failure? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

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