

# GUNS, GERMS, AND STEEL VIEWING

Jared Diamond's main argument is that Europeans benefited from their geography. **List the five technological/natural advantages Europeans had over Ameri-Indians as a result of their geography (more specific than just guns, germs and steel!)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

One of Diamond's main arguments is that the geographic orientation of Afro-Eurasia is fundamentally different from the Americas and this difference was key to European success. Summarize this argument.

The other main argument that Diamond makes is domesticated animals played a key role in European supremacy. Summarize this argument.

At Cajamarca, Pizarro and his men used what they knew about Cortez's conquest of the Aztecs and devised a plan based on that knowledge. This is an example of how formal written language benefited Spanish. **Discuss two ways the Incans lack of a written language caused them to be unprepared to fight the Spanish.**

- 1.
- 2.

Smallpox spread throughout the Americas killing lots of indigenous peoples before the Spanish even met the Incans. **Explain how the Europeans were able to spread their diseases, such as smallpox, to the native population but there was little to no diseases transmitted in the opposite direction?**

Europeans had tremendous advantages over the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

**Which advantage do YOU think was most responsible for European domination of the Eastern Hemisphere? Support your thesis with evidence from the video.**