Read the article on “The Haitian Debacle: Yellow Fever and the Fate of the French” and answer the following questions:

1) Which factors were responsible for the defeat of the French on Saint Domingue?

2) Why did the British withdraw from Saint Domingue in 1798?

3) Why did Touissaint L’Ouverture switch allegiances? What did he gain from this?

4) How was Saint Domingue part of Napoleon’s plans for the New World?

5) Who did Napoleon send to Saint Domingue to put down the rebellion? How did this force fare initially? Then what happened?

6) What is yellow fever and how is it spread? When the French soldiers caught yellow fever, what was the usually the result?

7) By April 1802 how much of his force had LeClerc lost to yellow fever? How did this present an opportunity for L’Ouverture? What happened?

8) How many of LeClerc’s forces ultimately died from yellow fever?

9) Why did yellow fever kill off so many of the French soldiers but not have a similar effect on the local people?

10) In view of what you know about the effect of European diseases on native populations of the New World, what is the irony of the yellow fever epidemic in Haiti?

11) Napoleon ultimately gave up his plans for an empire in the New World because of his experience in Haiti. In your opinion which country benefited the most from the change in Napoleon’s plans? Why?