

Bring brief answers to these questions for discussion at the first Discussion Group

1. In Charles Mann's article 1491, what are four ways that pre-white settlement Americas were different than what most writers and historians assumed to be the case?
2. What major changes occurred **after** European settlement came to the Americas and what are the implications for today?
3. Contrast and compare our dominant Western concept of wilderness today (primarily John Muir's vision of a protected pristine landscape) with Mann's description of wilderness. What are the implications for today?