

FCAT Questions For Know Smoking

Directions: Read the story, then answer the questions. Write your answer in the space provided or circle the letter next to the correct answer.

Who Started All This?

The American Indians grew tobacco to smoke in pipes or rolled up as cigars. They gave tobacco seeds to Christopher Columbus who took them back to Europe. At first, European farmers grew tobacco as an herb with powers to help people relax. There has always been conflict over whether tobacco is good or bad. King James I of England wrote a pamphlet in the 1600s describing its negative aspects, and the Puritans thought it was a dangerous substance. However, many people believed that tobacco had medicinal qualities and thought that it was a beneficial product. In fact, doctors in the 1500s felt that tobacco was useful as a cure for all kinds of diseases, ailments and wounds. One of the very first non-medicinal uses of tobacco was snuff. Snuff was cured and chopped tobacco which was inhaled through the nose. Pipe smoking then became popular in England and the Netherlands. Cigarettes, originating from cigars, became popular in the 1700s in Spain, then quickly spread through Europe during the 1800s. From these beginnings, tobacco eventually became one of America's largest export crops, and it remains so today. In spite of the disagreement over its benefit, tobacco was widely used and eventually became a major trade and cash crop for the United States. In fact, during colonial times, when men far outnumbered women, brides were shipped from Europe to America and paid for with tobacco! During this time, tobacco prices ranged from about 5 to 7 cents per pound.

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1. Europeans first perceived tobacco as:
 - a. a dangerous substance
 - b. an herb for relaxation
 - c. a product with medicinal qualities
 - d. a money making crop
 2. One of the first non-medicinal uses of tobacco by Europeans was:
 - a. snuff
 - b. cigarettes
 - c. pipe tobacco
 - d. cigars
 3. Tobacco was first introduced to Europe by:
 - a. American Indians who smoked it in pipes and as cigars
 - b. The Puritans who thought it was a dangerous product
 - c. Christopher Columbus, who obtained seeds from the American Indians
 - d. American colonists who used it as a major cash crop
 4. How did tobacco come to be a major export for the United States?
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