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Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 15: Dutch Golden Age and Mercantilism

Terms to know from this episode:

- United Provinces
- Stadtholder
- Baruch Spinoza
- Jan Van der Heyden
- John Locke
- Johannes Vermeer
- Mercantilism

1. How should power be shared between the executive branch and a legislative branch? Who should have MORE power? Does your answer change if the executive is a monarch?

2. How did the increasing wealth of the “productive classes” impact their political power?

3. The Dutch were struggling to declare independence from whom?

4. Independence of the United Provinces wasn’t formalized until the 1648 Treaty of _____.

5. There was also disagreement among the provinces about whether the stadtholder should be more of a _____, if it should function as a _____.

6. “The republic became a center of printing for people whose thoughts had been _____ elsewhere.”

7. The Netherlands was very involved in the _____ trade.

8. The Dutch soon replaced the Portuguese as the primary Atlantic _____ traders, though the English would soon overtake them.

9. The Netherlands prospered in part by building _____ used for transportation.

10. Name one of Jan Van der Heyden’s inventions.

11. What are some of the items included in the paintings of Johannes Vermeer and Jan Van der Heyden to show the wealth and cosmopolitan nature of the middle and upper classes?
12. Mercantilist theory saw the overall economy as stagnant, which meant to become wealthier, you had to _____.
13. Three separate times between 1652 and 1674, the _____ provoked warfare with the _____ in order to gain an upper-hand in trade.
14. What happened to Johan de Witt and Cornelis de Witt because they seemed to be preventing the rise of William of Orange?
15. The Dutch Golden age _____ as English power rose.
16. In the struggle between a monarch and those who seek to check his/her power, how does the Dutch solution differ from the French and the English?

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