Pima Community College
East Campus

Video Assignment
“The Spanish Inquisition: The Brutal Truth”
The Learning Channel

Please answer each question with a short analytical essay. A short essay is approximately 2 to 4 paragraphs. You must support your conclusions with information pulled from the video to properly answer each question. The essay must be typed on a word-processor, on white paper, font 11 pt Arial or similar, 1 inch margins, name/date/reading/class as the top header.

Please type the question and then the answer to the question. Please number your questions. Do not double-space your answers.

Questions:

1. Provide several examples of how the Inquisition was used as positive force in Spain’s unification?

2. What was heresy and why was heresy such a terrible crime? What were some of the symptoms? Why was the questioning of morality bewildering to peasant communities?

3. One of the professors mentions the “populace as a whole participating in a great movement of espionage on their neighbors....” How did Catholic Spaniards view the inquisition and how was it important to Spain as a nation?

4. Explain why Jews were singled out prior to and during the inquisition? How did Jews cope with their dilemma? How did Catholics react to converted Jews (Conversos)?

5. What was the “black legend” and how did it skew historical accounts of the inquisition?