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Questions:

1. In Excerpt 1, what impression of the Filipinos do you get from reading Morga's description of the type of food the natives eat? Which particular phrase gives you this impression?
2. What is Rizal's purpose in writing an annotation about the food preferences of the English, Spaniards, and Chinese?
3. In Excerpt 2, how did Morga portray the Filipinos?
4. In Rizal's subsequent annotation, what does he mean when he says, "Perhaps for the same reason, other nations have great esteem for the lion and bear, putting them on their shields and giving them honorable epithets"?
5. In general, what is Rizal's motive in writing his annotations of Morga's work? How does this fit into the aims of other propagandists working for reforms during this time?

Answers:

1. In my opinion, their regularly daily food is not common compared to our generation because the food that we eat nowadays are just from the market. The phrase that I got impression "They prefer meat and fish, saltfish which begin to decompose and smell.
2. Rizal's purpose of writing an annotation about the food of different nations is to inform us that we have to respect the different types of culture and that includes our food.
3. Morga portrayed Filipinos had army and navy with artillery and other implements of warfare. It also shows that the natives know how to defend themselves against the wild animals.

4. Rizal thinks every country who is using the lion and bear's skin is to give them honorable epithets because these animals are the superiors in the forest where the animals live.
5. Rizal's intent was not only to provide the Filipino people their initial history, a pre-Spanish history, but to present to them their own credible culture and personality.