



Exploration & Colonization

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- B) Europeans brought diseases that killed millions of Native people
- C) Europeans built schools in every Native American village
- D) Europeans traded fairly for all Native American lands

2. Why did the Spanish establish the encomienda system in the Americas?

- A) To give Native Americans equal rights with settlers
- B) To teach Native Americans the Spanish language
- C) To force Native Americans to work for Spanish colonists
- D) To help Native Americans build stronger governments

3. Which statement about the Columbian Exchange is most accurate?

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- B) The exchange only affected people living in Europe
- C) Both beneficial crops and deadly diseases were transferred
- D) Native Americans sent diseases to Europe that killed millions

4. What was a key difference between New England and Southern colonies?

- A) New England relied on plantation farming while the South fished
- B) Southern colonies used enslaved labor on large plantations
- C) New England colonies had no form of local government
- D) Southern colonies were founded only for religious freedom

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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