



Exploration & Colonization

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- B) Spain gave up all claims to the Americas
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3. Which best describes an effect of the Columbian Exchange on Europe?

- A) Europeans lost all of their livestock
- B) New crops like potatoes helped feed growing populations
- C) Europeans stopped all trade with other continents
- D) European languages were replaced by Native languages

4. Why did Southern colonies develop a plantation economy?

- A) The cold climate was perfect for growing wheat
- B) They had no access to rivers or oceans for trade
- C) The warm climate and rich soil supported cash crops
- D) Colonists preferred fishing over farming

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. The Ottoman Empire blocked the _____ trade routes Europeans had used.
2. Tobacco became the most important _____ crop in Virginia.
3. New England colonists governed themselves through town _____.
4. The 13 colonies were established between 1607 and _____.
5. Potatoes from the Americas helped prevent _____ in Europe.

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