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**Columbus and European Exploration in the New World Quiz (50 points)**

**Multiple Choice (1 point each)**

*Circle the best answer to the question from the choices given.*

1. How did Marco Polo encourage European exploration?

A. He became wealthy after conquering the Incas.

B. He wrote a book about his travels in Asia.

C. He told stories about his trip around the tip of Africa.

D. He brought treasures back from his journey to the Americas.

2. Which of these was a goal of the first European explorers?

A. to establish trading posts

B. to find a water route to Asia

C. to exchange ideas with native peoples

D. to explore North and South America

3. Which of the following Native American tribes worked with the Dutch settlers?

A. Huron

B. Taino

C. Iroquois

D. Powhatan

4. Which of these describes the relationship between the French and the American Indians?

A. They were enemies.

B. They were business partners.

C. The French converted the American Indians.

D. The American Indians were slaves to the French.

5. How did the Columbian Exchange affect many American Indian groups?

A. They grew in number.

B. They died from diseases.

C. They became prosperous.

D. They were forced to move.

6. What was the main goal of the Spanish missionaries?

A. to protect the American Indians

B. to trade with the American Indians

C. to spread their religion to the American Indians

D. to learn about the customs of the American Indians

7. What was an effect of Christopher Columbus’s voyages to the Americas?

A. a reduction in the European population

B. a delay in future Spanish explorations

C. a war between the Spanish and the French

D. a transfer of goods between Europe and the Americas

8. Which of these describes the experience of the first Jamestown settlers?

A. They were challenged by the environment.

B. They found the area already settled by the Dutch.

C. They were welcomed by the American Indians.

D. They quickly established a prosperous settlement.

9. What was an important economic activity of the French settlements?

A. fur trade

B. slave trade

C. tobacco farming

D. sugar cane farming

10. Why did the London Company send settlers to Virginia?

A. to create maps of the area

B. to establish a trading post

C. to start a moneymaking colony

D. to make peace with American Indians

**True or False (1 point each)**

*Label each of the statements below True or False. If false, CORRECT the statement*.

1. Christopher Columbus was Spanish.
2. John Smith’s marriage to Pocahontas saved Jamestown, VA.
3. Two main goals of the Spanish settlers in the Americas were to find gold and spread Christianity.
4. Samuel de Champlain established the first permanent Dutch settlement in Quebec.
5. Robert de la Salle is remembered for first claiming the Louisiana Territory, which was all of the land west of the Mississippi River, in the name of the Spanish.
6. Slavery did not exist in the world prior to Europeans’ arrival in the New World.
7. Even though it quickly becomes an English colony, New York was originally a French territory in North America.
8. Jamestown was the very first English colony in North America.
9. Christopher Columbus was the first European to set foot on the North American continent.
10. All of the early European settlers and explorers were interested in the fur trade.

**Chronology (1 point each)**

*In what order did the following events take place?  Number them 1-5, with 1 being the earliest event and 5 being the latest.  Then, respond to the question below.*

\_\_\_\_\_  Africans begin being brought to the Americas and used as slaves.

\_\_\_\_\_  Tobacco is planted successfully in Jamestown, VA.

\_\_\_\_\_  The natives in the Caribbean are used as forced laborers in the Spanish mines.

\_\_\_\_\_  Columbus lands in what he believes to be the Indies.

\_\_\_\_\_  The Taino are welcoming to the Europeans when they first arrive in the New World.

*What conclusions can you draw about slavery in the Americas based on the information above?*

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**Which Came First? (1 point each)**

*Circle the event that came FIRST in each listed pair.*

1. Leif Erikson arrives in Newfoundland.

John Cabot arrives in Newfoundland.

1. English settlers arrive in Roanoke.

English settlers arrive in Jamestown.

1. Ponce de Leon establishes the colony of Florida.

Henry Hudson claims territory in modern-day New York.

1. Native Americans are enslaved in the Spanish gold mines.

Africans are enslaves on the tobacco plantations in the English colonies.

1. Jacques Cartier is sent to North America to find a Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean.

The London Company is formed by a group of merchants to start a moneymaking colony in North America.

**Short Answer (6 points)**

*Answer the question below, using the following terms*:

**Tobacco Starving Time Pocahontas**

**John Rolfe John Smith Chief Powhatan**

How was Jamestown able to survive its early struggles and become the first permanent English settlement in North America?

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**Thesis Statement (4 points)**

*Based on what you have learned about European exploration and settlement in America, write a thesis statement about any of the following TOPICS. You are responsible for choosing the OPINION and the CONTROLLING IDEAS. You MUST write your thesis out as a complete sentence on the lines below. The graphic organizer (shapes) are optional.*

Topics: **where to settle, relationship between the natives and the Europeans, a specific European settlement, Christopher Columbus’ role in history, or the effects of Europeans coming to America.**

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**Map Labeling (10 points)**

*Label and color code the map below, identifying the key territory claimed by the Europeans. Then, identify two specific areas where each European group claimed land on behalf of their country.*

Two specific areas claimed by SPAIN:

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Two specific areas claimed by FRANCE:

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Two specific areas claimed by ENGLAND:

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Two specific areas claimed by the NETHERLANDS:

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