

European Settlements in North America

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 22–23 of the Atlas. Read the overview and the quotation. Also look at photo A. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. The _____ and _____ settled in unclaimed lands on the Atlantic Coast.
 - b. The Indian pueblo at Taos is much older than the nearby Spanish settlement at _____.
 - c. According to Diaz del Castillo, the Spanish hoped to bring civilization to the Indians and to obtain _____ for themselves in the New World.

Location

2. Look at map B, “Spanish Settlements.” Use the information to complete the chart below. Use the map on pages 112–113 to help you identify states.

State or Country	First Spanish Settlement	Type of Settlement
Mexico	Veracruz	
	Santo Domingo	mission
Virginia		mission
	St. Augustine	

Time and Change

3. Look at map B and map C, “Other European Settlements.” Circle any settlements that were founded before 1600.

a. Roanoke Island	e. Mexico City
b. Boston	f. San Pedro
c. Santa Fe	g. Montreal
d. St. Mary’s	h. Monterrey

👤 People and Cultures

4. Look again at map C. Match the town with the Europeans who founded it.

Town

- a. Fort Christina •
- b. New Amsterdam •
- c. Quebec •
- d. Plymouth •

European Settlers

- French
- Swedish
- English
- Dutch

★ People and Their Environments

5. Look at photos A and E. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. Look at the area around the houses in Taos. What plants are found near these buildings? _____
- b. What do the walls of the houses in Taos look like? _____
- c. Look at the area around the houses at Plymouth. What plants are found near these buildings? _____
- d. What are the houses in Plymouth made of? _____
- e. Where did the people at Taos and Plymouth get materials to build their houses?

👤 Thinking About History

6. Look at graph D, “Early Colonists.” Write **J** if the statement refers to Jamestown, **P** if the statement refers to Plymouth, or **B** if the statement applies to both.
- a. The settlement was almost all adult men. _____
 - b. The settlement included some families. _____
 - c. The settlers probably didn’t plan to stay their whole lives. _____
 - d. Majority of settlers were men. _____
 - e. The settlement was built to gain wealth. _____
 - f. Settlers hoped to start a new life. _____