

Europeans Explore and Settle in the Americas

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 76–77 of the Atlas. Read the introduction. Then read the history question, “What is colonization?” Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. European explorers unexpectedly found opportunities in the Americas when they had been searching for what place? _____
 - b. What is a colony? _____

 - c. What did Europeans hope to gain from its colonies in America?

 - d. Which two major Native American empires were conquered by Europeans?
_____ and _____

★ History Through Maps

2. Use map A, “European Exploration and Settlement,” to complete the chart below. Add the name of the explorer, the years of the voyage, the sponsoring country, or destination to the empty boxes.

| Explorer | Year(s) of Voyage | Sponsoring Country | Destination |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Cabot | | | Eastern North America |
| | 1501 | Portugal | |
| | 1513 | | Southern North America |
| Pizarro | 1531–1533 | | |
| | 1535 | France | |
| | | Netherlands and England | Eastern North America |



★ Thinking About History

3. Look at picture B and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.
- What is happening in the picture?

 - Describe the scene as if you were a Spanish explorer.

 - Describe the scene as if you were a Native American.

 - How were Native Americans affected by Europeans who came to the Americas?

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

4. Use map C, "European Land Claims and Early Cities," to complete the following sentences.
- The _____ claimed lands along the eastern coast of what is now the United States. A major city located in this settlement region was _____ which used to be called New Amsterdam. The main economic activities in this region were _____ and _____.
 - The _____ claimed lands in central North America where the main economic activity was _____.
 - After conquering the Aztec Empire, the _____ dominated southwestern North America, Middle America, and western _____ America. The main economic activities in the lands they claimed were _____ and _____.
 - The eastern coast of South America was settled by the _____, who founded the cities of _____ and _____. The main economic activities in the Portuguese settlement regions were _____ and _____.