

GUIDED READING

A Place Called Mississippi

Chapter 3: The European Period, 1540 - 1798

Section 1

Spanish Exploration

Directions:

Use the information from pages 72 - 74 to complete the following.

1. Prince Henry the Navigator conducted a special school in Portugal for _____ and _____ and helped launch the Great Age of Exploration.
2. Christopher _____ had studied geography and _____ (the art and technique of making maps and charts) in Portugal under Prince Henry.
3. He [Columbus] was convinced that the world was _____ and he persuaded the King of _____ to provide him with three ships for his _____ voyage in _____.
4. Columbus was _____ in his _____ that the world was round, but he did not know about the _____ Hemisphere, which the Europeans would call the _____.
5. In the early 1540s, a _____ expedition led by Hernando _____ _____ trekked across the land that would become the state of _____.
6. This _____ (a journey for a specific purpose, such as exploration) was the beginning of what historians call the _____ period, or the _____ period, of American history.

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7. The great powers of Europe — _____, _____, and _____ — were locked in a two-hundred-year struggle to _____ the _____.
8. De Soto dreamed of leading his own expedition and finding even greater _____ than those found among the _____ peoples of South America.
9. After de Soto's _____ to _____ any _____, the southern woodlands were undisturbed for another 130 years.
10. Eventually, the great _____ of Europe realized that the _____ treasures of the New World were not silver and gold.
11. More _____ could be made from _____ and _____ with the _____ (geographical areas politically controlled by a distant country) that could be established in this _____ that Columbus had discovered.
12. As long as these European colonies were located along the fringes or on the _____ of _____ America, there was minimal contact or _____ among the nations.
13. But as the _____ began to move _____ and the nations started _____ the _____ territory, the rivalry _____ (generated) a series of colonial _____.
14. These wars would ultimately result in the _____ of the _____ powers from North America and the emergence of the _____.