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Topic: Eleutheran Adventurers

Instructions: Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with the missing words from the passage.

THE ELEUTHERAN ADVENTURERS

After Christopher Columbus left The Bahamas, the islands were left neglected for numerous of years. There were little to no natural resources and the soil lacked essential minerals for large-scale farming. In 1629, King Charles 1 of England granted the Bahama Islands to Sir Robert Heath who fail to visit and developed The Bahamas.

WHO WERE THE ELEUTHERAN ADVENTURERS?

The Eleutheran Adventurers were the first modern European settlers to the Bahamas. They arrived in the Bahamas specifically on the island they called Eleuthera which means **freedom** from Bermuda in 1648. Bermuda was an English colony ruled by King Charles 1.

WHY DID THEY MIGRATE?

Bermuda was a country that was colonized by England; therefore everything had transpired in the mother country affected the colonies as well. In 1642, England was going through a Civil War. The root of the issue was that some people wanted to worship in a different way than what was being practiced in the Anglican Church. These groups of people were referred to as Puritans. They believed that God chose who was worthy of salvation. The government of England made it extremely hard for the Puritans. They were not allowed freedom to worship as they wish, and they were persecuted by the Anglican and government if they did otherwise. With the election of Oliver Cromwell, a Puritan, who came into power, it did not change the situation in Bermuda. The Anglicans and Royalists refused to accept his rule. Hence, continuing to make life difficult for the Puritans.

The Puritans sought another home with the help of Captain William Sayle as their leader so that they would be able to worship as they wished, the Puritans sought another home with the help of Captain William Sayle as their leader. They formed a company called "the Company of the Adventurers for the Plantation of the Islands of Eleutheria".

QUESTIONS

1. The Eleutheran Adventurers were the first modern _____settlers.
2. The Bahamas was granted to _____ by the king of England.
3. The Eleutheran Adventurers were led by_____ into the Bahamas.
4. These Adventurers left _____ and migrated to the Bahamas and settled on the island of _____.
5. They arrived in the Bahamas specifically on the island they called Eleuthera which means_____.
6. Because Bermuda was an English colony the main denomination in the country was _____.
7. Persons who wanted to move away from the main denomination in England and Bermuda was called _____.
8. Puritans were not allowed freedom to worship as they wish, and they were_____by the Anglican and government
9. A company called _____ was created for the migration from Bermuda to the Bahamas.