

**Read the text and choose the correct ending of these sentences.**

1. The American frontier refers to...
  - a. a static and well-established border
  - b. a crowded place with great cultural exchange
  - c. a negotiable border that changed throughout time
  - d. a border defined by European settlers' advance
  
2. Native Americans were...
  - a. eager to live and work together with the British colonists
  - b. reluctant to let Europeans inhabit their lands
  - c. planning to attack the new settlers before they got further west
  
3. The expansion of the frontier happened...
  - a. without armed conflicts
  - b. with flawless American victories
  - c. in spite of the strong resistance that Native Americans offered
  
4. Native American tribes...
  - a. united to fight for their lands
  - b. were enemies and could not battle together
  - c. went to war with each other once they defeated the invaders
  
5. Once Americans expanded their territories and could settle westwards, they...
  - a. decided to go back to the original colonies
  - b. followed a similar lifestyle to the colonies
  - c. had several differences with the colonies
  - d. did not increase in population

**Listen and complete the following text.**

#### **The Founding of the thirteen colonies**

The U.S is fifty states strong today, but it began as thirteen small colonies. It all started with Virginia when wealthy London **1**\_\_\_\_\_ asked the British King to set up shop in what was known as the **2**\_\_\_\_\_. One hundred and four British colonists settled at Jamestown forming the first permanent **3**\_\_\_\_\_ colony. Next up, Massachusetts was founded after being established by the pilgrims who sailed the **4**\_\_\_\_\_ to Plymouth. Six years later New York was pioneered by the Dutch who called it New Amsterdam. Maryland, which became home to Puritans, **5**\_\_\_\_\_ and Catholics, who didn't get along, was established in 1634. Maryland was followed by Connecticut when one hundred Puritans left Massachusetts to start a new colony at **6**\_\_\_\_\_ and Rhode Island, which was originally called Red Island by the Dutch. **7**\_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire, which at various points were part of Maryland and Massachusetts came next. Virginian colonists established **8**\_\_\_\_\_ ten years before South Carolina was granted a charter

forming one Carolina colony until 1712. New Jersey was first settled in 1664 though the small future **9**\_\_\_\_\_ state was actually in two parts for nearly forty years.

Pennsylvania was granted to William Penn in 1681 in payment for a **10**\_\_\_\_\_ that the British King owed Penn's father. That leaves **11**\_\_\_\_\_, which was established as a penal colony for English debtors and a buffer zone between the British colonies and Florida, which was controlled by the **12**\_\_\_\_\_. Spain held on to Florida until 1821, a full **13**\_\_\_\_\_ years after the original thirteen colonies became the United States of America.