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The Native American people (1) _____ (go) to America from Asia 25,000 years ago through what is now Alaska. The Vikings from Scandinavia first (2) _____ (sail) to North America 1,000 years ago. The Spanish (3) _____ (discover) the continent 500 years later, in around 1500. The Spanish (4) _____ (call) the Native Americans "Red Indians" because they (5) _____ (think) they were in India!

Over the next 200 years, new immigrants (6) _____ (cross) the Atlantic from Britain, France, Holland, Germany, and Sweden. The Europeans (7) _____ (want) to live in North America, but millions of Africans arrived in the U.S. as slaves. Slavery (8) _____ (end) after the American Civil War in 1864. Today 14% of the population is African-American—that's 40 million people.

After the Civil War, many people (9) _____ (travel) to the U.S. from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, and Portugal. In the last hundred years, more new Americans (10) _____ (come) from Mexico and Central and South America. In some places in the U.S. more people speak Spanish than English. On the West Coast there are many Chinese-, Japanese-, Korean-, Vietnamese-, and Thai-Americans. More than 30 million people in the U.S. speak English as a second language.

- 1 Vikings walked to South America. ☐
- 2 The Spanish sailed to America in around 1500. ☐
- 3 The Spanish discovered India in 1500. ☐
- 4 Many immigrants traveled to the U.S. from Europe. ☐
- 5 Slavery ended before the American Civil War. ☐
- 6 Many Mexican people went to the U.S. in the 20th century. ☐
- 7 Many Asian immigrants in the U.S. live on the East Coast. ☐
- 8 30 million people in the U.S. speak Spanish. ☐