

# IRREGULAR VERBS

Read the text and complete the correct verb in past.

## A Short history of American Growth and Immigration

1. Columbus “discovered” America in 1492. This \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** the first time that most Europeans \_\_\_\_\_ **(hear)** anything about the “New World.”
2. The Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ **(take)** advantage of the discovery immediately. During the next century they \_\_\_\_\_ **(find)** and \_\_\_\_\_ **(fight)** with the greatest nations of the Americas and conquered them. By 1600 they \_\_\_\_\_ **(have)** profitable colonies in Mexico, Peru, and the Caribbean.
3. The English \_\_\_\_\_ **(begin)** permanent settlements in the Americas more than a century after the Spanish, starting with Jamestown in 1607.
4. During the 17th and 18th centuries (1607-1775), 13 English colonies \_\_\_\_\_ **(be-plural)** established in the area that \_\_\_\_\_ **(become)** the United States. People \_\_\_\_\_ **(come)** to the colonies from England and Scotland, as well as from France, Germany, and other parts of Europe.
5. In addition, slave traders \_\_\_\_\_ **(bring)** many Africans to work the land as slaves. Slaves \_\_\_\_\_ **(be-plural)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(buy)** and \_\_\_\_\_ **(sell)** in the U.S. until the 1860s, although many Americans opposed slavery.
6. The British government \_\_\_\_\_ **(do)** not want the colonies to expand to the west. In part, it \_\_\_\_\_ **(be-singular)** trying to protect the Indians. Before the American Revolution as well as after, many hunters, trappers, and then settlers, \_\_\_\_\_ **(go)** west looking for opportunity.
7. After the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ **(win)** its independence, it \_\_\_\_\_ **(grow)** even more rapidly. In 1803 the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ **(buy)** the Louisiana Territory from France and doubled in size.
8. Immigrants \_\_\_\_\_ **(bring)** their own customs to the U.S. They \_\_\_\_\_ **(eat)** the foods they \_\_\_\_\_ **(be-plural)** familiar with, \_\_\_\_\_ **(speak)** their own languages, and \_\_\_\_\_ **(keep)** the traditions of their homeland alive.