

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.