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European Nations Colonization of North America- Review & Comprehension Questions

Directions: Read the review passage and then the questions below. Put the letter of the correct answer in the text box. When you are done save this and upload back into Canvas.

In the 1400's, merchants across Europe traveled to India but it was very dangerous. Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, wanted to find an easier way. He traveled west and stumbled across the Americas. His "discovery" opened up exploration and the colonization of the Americas.

After Christopher Columbus claimed America for Spain, many explorers came looking for gold and riches. They had heard a rumor about "seven cities of gold". Unfortunately, that was a myth so they never found any gold.

The English started coming to America as early as 1585. Many English were in search of religious freedom. The Church of England would persecute anyone who did not worship their religion, so many chose to leave and find a place where they could worship freely.

The French king sent explorers to America to find a passage that would lead west, all the way to Asia. Although the passage was never found, they were able to claim additional land in the name of France and started a profitable fur trade with the Native Americans.

As you can see, many European countries traveled to the New World, each with their own sense of direction. As more people moved in, more space was needed. They all wanted to expand their territory for the countries. This led to a number of battles as the European nations struggled for control over the colonization of America.

1. Who began traveling to America in the 1400's? ☐
   A. Native Americans B. people from Australia C. people from Europe

2. What did the Spanish come to America to find? ☐
   A. Fruits and Vegetables B. Gold C. A house

3. What brought many English to America? ☐
   A. To build trains B. Flowers C. Religious freedom

4. What first brought the French to America? ☐
   A. Northwest passage to Asia B. They were looking for gold C. Spanish explorers

5. What did all the European nations want? ☐
   A. To meet new people B. To move to Asia C. Expand their territory in America