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

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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.

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