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### **Topic: Reading Comprehension Eleutheran Adventurers**

**Instructions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

#### **LIFE IN ELEUTHERA FOR THE ADVENTURERS**

The Eleutheran Adventurers also started new industries such as farming, wrecking, fishing and Ambergris. However, despite the supplies sent from New England, problems still persisted. For one, the land in Eleuthera was difficult to farm and many of the colonists preferred to fish or survive off the goods from the occasional wrecked ship. Other problems arose from the way land was granted in the constitution. Not only did it create grants far too large for the island, but it also failed to create an equal distribution of land itself. Life was hard because of infertile soil, hurricanes and attacks from Spanish invaders. In addition, Bermuda sent to many criminals and this caused some of the settlers to relocate to either New Providence, Bermuda and United States.

#### **Laws under the Constitution**

##### **Bill of rights and freedoms found in the constitution.**

1. Freedom of worship
2. Right to land
3. Right to property
4. Right to vote
5. Right to be elected to any political office.
  - (a) Each original settler who paid 100 pounds would receive 300 acres of land and their slaves, 25 acres. (b) The colony was to be called a "Republic"

The constitution provided little encouragement for individuals in England or Bermuda who might have otherwise been interested in moving to The Bahamas. In fact, the few settlers that came to The Bahamas after 1648 were prisoners from Bermuda who were forced to settle there as part of their sentence.

They had failed, and Sayle had decided to return to Bermuda, where he served as a governor for a third time. However, before he did this, he wrote a letter to Lord Ashley Cooper, proprietor of the Carolinas, asking him to take over the ownership of The Bahamas.

### **The Contributions Made by the Eleutheran Adventurers**

- 1) They brought the first constitution to The Bahamas which was called Articles and Orders.
- (2) They started a small-scale farming.
- (3) They introduced the wrecking industry.
- (4) they started settlement of the Bahamas.
- (5) Settlement expanded from Eleuthera to other islands including New Providence.
- (6) They gave New Providence its name.
- (7) They developed Charles Town which is now Nassau.
- (8) They donated the braziletto wood to New England which was used to build Harvard College.

### **FAILURES OF ELEUTHERAN ADVENTURERS**

- (1) On the downside, the adventurers introduced slavery to The Bahamas that persisted until it was abolished in 1838.
- (2) The Early Settlement were unprofitable. What they were producing was not enough to export to sustain them.
- (3) Too many criminals were sent to The Bahamas from Bermuda.
- (4) William Sayle returned to Bermuda, so the settlers lost a good leader.

## QUESTIONS

Instructions Read the passage above to answer these questions.

1. One industry established by the Eleutheran Adventurers was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Name one reason why life was hard for the Eleutheran Adventurers.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The type of government the Eleutheran Adventurers brought to The Bahamas was  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. State 3 rights and freedoms outlined in the Eleutheran Adventures constitution.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. State one use of Ambergris. \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the former name of Nassau? \_\_\_\_\_
7. They donated the \_\_\_\_\_ to New England which was used to build \_\_\_\_\_.