

Guided Reading Activity



The United States East of the Mississippi River

Lesson 2 *History of the Region*

Essential Question: Why is history important?

Early America

Directions: Use your textbook to decide if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

- _____ 1. Native American people have always been in North America.

- _____ 2. Native American people used resources from their environments to satisfy their needs.

- _____ 3. For most of their history, Native Americans lived off the land and had only a minor impact on the environment.

- _____ 4. In the fifteenth century, Europeans became interested in the Americas and hoped to learn about Native Americans' ways of life.

- _____ 5. The first permanent European settlement on land that would become the United States was built in Florida.

- _____ 6. In the early 1600s, the first English colonists settled along the Gulf Coast of North America.

- _____ 7. Colonists built their settlements on Native Americans' lands, turned their hunting grounds to farmland, and used many resources that were important to Native Americans' survival.

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_____ 8. By 1760, an estimated 1.7 million colonists lived in America.

_____ 9. Life in the colonies was easy for early settlers because of all the natural resources they found.

_____ 10. Over time, the colonists learned how to use natural resources to make the things they needed.

Settling the Land

Directions: Use your textbook to answer the following questions.

1. What factors led people to move inland?

2. Why did so many people settle along the Mississippi River?

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3. How did technology cause people to move to cities?

4. What caused the U.S. government to move the Cherokee from their lands in the east in the 1830s?

5. What was the Great Migration? Explain its importance to us today.
