

Rainbow Readers

Title: North America

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

hero	curious	population	jewelry	freshwater
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1. In British folktales, Robin Hood was a _____ who helped poor people.
2. India has the second-largest _____ of any country in the world.
3. That store sells diamond rings and other expensive _____.
4. I want to travel because I'm _____ about other cultures.
5. Goldfish live in _____ lakes and rivers, not in the ocean.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. North America is located in the northern and western hemispheres. T / F
2. Part of North America's coast is on the Caribbean Sea. T / F
3. Hernán Cortés fought for Mexico's independence from Spain. T / F
4. Canada gained freedom from France in 1867. T / F
5. Immigrants to North America gave up their old beliefs and customs. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. The Pacific Ocean lies to the (west / north) of North America.
2. The Cherokee people lived in what is now (Canada / the US).
3. Leif Ericson traveled to North America (before / after) Columbus.
4. The Mexicans (won / lost) their fight for freedom in the early 1800s.
5. French and English are the official languages in (the US / Canada).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. The first North Americans came from _____.
 - a. South America
 - b. Europe
 - c. Asia
 - d. Africa

2. Who had a capital in the 1500s that was bigger than London?
 - a. The Maya
 - b. The Cherokee
 - c. The Inuit
 - d. The Aztecs

3. Which is NOT true about early European settlers?
 - a. They respected Native Americans' rights.
 - b. They were curious about the New World.
 - c. They sometimes died fighting for land.
 - d. They accidentally spread diseases.

4. Which part of the continent was NOT controlled by Spain?
 - a. The southwest
 - b. The east coast
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Cuba

3. Which country was the first to become independent from Europe?
 - a. Greenland
 - b. Canada
 - c. The USA
 - d. Mexico

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

settling	tribes	independence	natural resources	immigrants
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North America is the third-largest continent. It is rich in _____ and has great influence in world business, politics, and culture. The first North Americans came from Asia. They belonged to many _____ with different languages and customs. Some, such as the Aztecs, built huge cities. After Columbus reached North America in 1492, Europeans began _____ there. As Spain, France, and Britain began colonies, many Native Americans died from fighting and disease. Eventually, the people of North America broke free of Europe. The USA, Canada, Mexico, and other colonies won _____ by the late 1800s. Large numbers of _____ arrived and brought their customs with them. People from all over the world live in modern cities like Toronto, New York, and Mexico City. But the people continue to celebrate old traditions. These include the Day of the Dead in Mexico and Thanksgiving in the US and Canada. Today North America is a mix of old and new.