



Exploration & Colonization

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- A) Virginia
- B) South Carolina
- C) Georgia
- D) Maryland

2. Why did the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut matter in American history?

- A) It was the first treaty with Native Americans
- B) It set up the first written plan of government in the colonies
- C) It ended slavery in the New England colonies
- D) It gave women the right to vote in colonial elections

3. What role did indentured servants play in the early colonies?

- A) They served as governors of each colony
- B) They worked for a set number of years in exchange for passage to America
- C) They taught colonists how to farm the land
- D) They represented the colonies in the English Parliament

4. How did the geography of the Middle colonies influence their economy?

- A) Rocky soil forced colonists to rely only on fishing
- B) Fertile soil and mild winters supported grain farming and trade
- C) Dense forests prevented any farming or settlement
- D) Mountains isolated the colonies from all trade routes

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and _____ made up the Middle colonies.
2. The triangular _____ route connected Europe, Africa, and the Americas.
3. Puritans wanted to _____ the Church of England rather than separate from it.
4. The Middle Passage was the forced voyage of enslaved Africans across the _____.
5. Mercantilism was the belief that colonies existed to benefit the _____ country.

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