



Exploration & Colonization

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Grade: Grade 5

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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5. Joint-stock companies helped fund early English colonies by sharing the financial risk.