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Europeans Explore/Settle the New World

Part I-Fill in the blanks in the paragraphs

Young Spaniards called Conquistadors led the exploration and conquest of the Americas in the 1500s. Eager to convert Native Americans to the Catholic faith, _____ also settled in the Americas. Hernando Cortes conquered Mexico, home of the _____ civilization, and _____ took control of Peru from the _____ empire.

England attempted to establish a colony on _____ Island near the coast of present day North Carolina but was unsuccessful. English merchants encouraged settlement by starting _____ companies backed by investors. Ordinary people could settle in America if they sold their labor in exchange for passage to the colonies as indentured servants.

The settlers in Jamestown faced a severe _____ shortage the first year (1607). Jamestown would have failed without the leadership of John _____. The colony became successful after the settlers grew _____ and sold it for a profit. The Jamestown colonists established a _____ government. Plymouth was settled by a religious group called _____ and governed by the Mayflower Compact.

True or False

Read the following statements. If a statement is false, replace the underlined word(s) to make the statement correct.

1. The fate of the settlers of Roanoke remains a mystery.
2. In 1607, 105 colonists settled in Virginia and named their colony Plymouth.
3. The economy of Jamestown improved when the colonists began to grow tobacco.
4. The founding of Parliament was the beginning of representative government in the English colonies.
5. The Pilgrims came to North America in search of religious freedom.

Answer the following questions by either filling in the blank or answering in complete sentences where appropriate.

1. Founder of the first permanent settlement in New France

2. Dutch leader who bought Manhattan Island from local Native Americans

3. Leader who saved the Jamestown settlement from failure

4. Agreement signed by the Pilgrims before going ashore

5. What hardships did the Jamestown settlers face? _____

