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A NEW WORLD

On October 12, 14____, the *s_____ aboard the *N_____, the *P_____, and the *S_____ M_____ were thrilled. They found land after many weeks at sea. The sailors and their captain, Christopher *C_____, believed they had reached the i_____ southwest of I_____ that include I_____ and M_____. In fact they had discovered a “n___ world.” Columbus believed he was in the I_____, so he named the n_____ people “I_____.” We refer to the islands of the C_____ Sea as the W_____ Indies to distinguish them from the islands Columbus thought he reached.

The C_____ is named for the n_____, sea-faring C_____, who dominated the *I_____ when the *E_r_p_n_ arrived. The Carib drove out their e_____, the A_____. The C_____ were believed to have e_____ the f_____ of the Arawak m____, but the kept the w_____ as s_____. The word c_____ derived from an A_____ word for the C_____.

The British, D_____, and F_____ joined the S_____ in the “n___ world.” They brought with them d_____ like s_____ and m_____. The Europeans had been e_____ to the d_____, so they developed an *i_n_y from them. The n_____ people had no i_____, so most people d_____ from the d_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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1. Why are the islands of the Caribbean Sea known as the West Indies?

*2. Why do you think the Caribbean Sea was named for the Carib instead of the Arawak?

*3. Only the men spoke the Carib language. The women spoke Arawak. Suggest a reason for this.

*4. Explain how European diseases decimated the native population of the West Indies.

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THE ISLANDS

Many of the of the C Sea are part of a vast *u d r e mountain c n . Other islands are c , low-lying c islands formed from the *b i d p of *s a l sea c .

The C islands are divided into t groups. The B is an a of more than s hundred i located n of the C Sea. The Greater Antilles, including C , Jamaica, H , and P Rico, are the l islands in the *r . Some of the islands have rugged m and thick r forests. The Lesser A form an a that stretches from P R to the c of S America. These islands are known as the L A .

Label the Islands

Label at least ten islands of the Caribbean on the map above. Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.

Answer in a complete sentences

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*1. What is the dictionary definition of archipelago?

*2. Why are most of the Bahamian islands uninhabited?

3. How were cays formed?

*4. One Caribbean island is divided into two independent nations. Identify the island and both nations.

5. Why will you find thick rain forests in the Greater Antilles, but not on the Lesser Antilles?

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THE INDENTURED SERVANTS

European c_____ hired i_____ servants to help them grow t_____, spices, i_____ and s_____ on the C_____ islands. The s_____ signed c_____ that r_____ them to w_____ for t_____ to s_____ years. Their life on the Caribbean p_____ was *d__ff__c__l__, but at the end of their i_____, they were a_____ into the general p_____.

SLAVERY

European p_____ owners found that s_____ was their most *p__f__t_____ crop, but sugar c_____ required a great deal of backbreaking l_____. The plantation o_____ lowered their l_____ costs by importing A_____ people who has been captured and e_____.

Many Africans reached America in what came to be known as the t_____ trade. Ships leaving E_____ first stopped in A_____. They exchanged w_____, ammunition, m_____, liquor, and *t__xt_____ for c_____ taken in w_____ or r_____. The ships then traveled to America in the M_____ P_____ of the *v_____, where s_____ were traded for s_____ and other island products.

The African slave p_____ quickly began to o_____ the E_____ and N_____ Americans. As slave r_____ became more f_____, European i_____ lost m_____. Many Europeans began to p_____ the g_____ to abolish s_____ in the Caribbean. Great Britain o_____ slavery in 1833, but the practice continued on some of the i_____ for almost another f_____ years. Once s_____ was a_____, the p_____ owners hired people from I_____ and other places in A_____. This is why many A_____ people live in the W_____ I_____ today.

Answer in a complete sentences

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1. Why would someone agree to become an indentured servant?

2. Why did the Caribbean plantation owners decide to grow sugar instead of tobacco?

*3. What was the triangle trade?

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*4. Why do you think we have only a rough estimate of how many Africans were enslaved and brought to America?

5. Why were only the youngest and healthiest people taken for the Middle Passage of the triangle trade?

*6. Why do you think conditions were dreadful aboard slave ships? Why didn't the ship captains treat the people aboard better?

*7. Write a paragraph that describes at least two factors that led to the abolition of slavery. Your paragraph must have a topic sentence, at least two support sentences, and a conclusion that restates, but does not repeat the topic sentence.

*8. Suggest a reason why slavery was abolished in England 238 years before it was abolished in the Britain's American colonies.

*9. Why are Islam and Hinduism prominent religious faiths on the Caribbean island of Trinidad?

10. How long ago was slavery abolished in Saudi Arabia?

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PIRATES

Pirates patrolled the C_____ Sea at the beginning of the c_____ era. The Caribbean was t_____ of m_____ from E_____, so the region was a prime t_____ for the sea *b_n_i_s. European *g_v_r_m_n_s encouraged p_____ by hiring p_____ who turned over a p_____ of what they s_____ to the g_____ that s_____ them. Francis D_____ of E_____ was the most famous p_____. Queen E_____ chose the man she called “m__ dear p_____” to lead an e_____ around the w_____. She later gave D_____ the high *h_n_r of k_____ him.

English and F_____ pioneers began to *i_h_b_t Hispaniola about _____ years ago. The settlers were known as b_____ because they r_____ wild p_____ on open f_____ known as b_____. The S_____ tried to f_____ the b_____ from H_____ by s_____ their f_____ supply. When the b_____ lost their p_____ source of f_____, many turned to then s_____ to become p_____.

Piracy began to s_____ by 17____. The E_____ governments began to send trained n_____ forces instead of relying on p_____. They signed t_____ that a_____ the s_____ passage of s_____ in the C_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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*1. What was a “letter of marque?”

*2. Defend the privateers of the Caribbean.

*3. Why do you think Queen Elizabeth chose Francis Drakes to sail around the world?

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SANTERIA AND VOODOO

Santeria and V_____ are folk r_____ practiced in the C_____. They are known as A_____ - American religions because they blend t_____ beliefs of A_____ with C_____. The folk r_____ are generally p_____ among the p_____ and less e_____ people of the Caribbean. The Afro-American f_____ religions stress m_____ practices that bring good l_____ to their *f_l_owe_s and b_____ luck to e_____. Ceremonies often include the r_____ sacrifice of a_____. The r_____ worship the s_____ of the d_____, but the spirits are often given the names of C_____ saints. Many devotees of the r_____ are able to use tropical p_____ to relieve p_____ and cure i_____.

Many Ch_____ of the C_____ feel c_____ with the r_____ of the f_____ religions. Pope John Paul II urged C_____ to reject S_____ when he visited C_____ in 1998. In addition to the West *I_____, the A_____ -American f_____ religions are also p_____ in A_____ cities with many people from the C_____. They include M_____, New O_____, Los A_____, and N____ York C_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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*1. Why are Santeria, Voodoo, Shango, Kuminia, and Pocomanic called Afro-American religions?

*2. The word *folk* is generally a noun, but when Santeria and Voodoo are described as folk religions, *folk* is an adjective. What is the dictionary definition of the adjective *folk*?

3. In addition to any spiritual benefits, how are practitioners of the Afro-American folk religion able to help people in remote regions of the Caribbean?

*4. What do you think of the horoscopes printed in most newspapers? Why do many people read their horoscopes?

*5. Many people are superstitious. Are you superstitious? How?

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THE RASTAFARIANS

Marcus G_____ was a J_____ who encouraged b_____ people to u_____ and to e_____ a n_____ of their own in A_____. When G_____ left J_____ to carry his m_____ to A_____, he is r_____ to have said, "Look to A_____ for the c_____ of a b_____ king, he shall be the r_____.

In 1930, J_____ ministers learned that R_____ Tafari was c_____ king of E_____. They p_____ that G_____’s message had come true, despite the fact that neither G_____ nor Ras T_____ were involved in what became known as the R_____ movement.

R_____ believe that white C_____ preachers and m_____ perverted the Scriptures to *h_____ the fact A_____ and J_____ were b_____. The R_____ believe they were e_____ from E_____ to J_____. The R_____ movement began in the s_____ of J_____, but it s_____ to the m_____ class. More than 300,000 people, or _____% of J_____ consider themselves to be R_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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1. Who was Marcus Garvey?

2. What name did Ras Tafari take when he was crowned King of Ethiopia? What does the name mean?

*3. Why do you think many Jamaicans are attracted to Rastafarianism?

*4. Why were many Jamaican people ecstatic when Haile Selassie visited their island in 1966?

*5. Singer Bob Marley died because he would not allow his cancerous toe to be amputated. Defend his decision.

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CUBA BECOMES INDEPENDENT

The U_____ S_____ was instrumental in helping C_____ become i_____ of S_____, but American intervention in C_____ has not always been welcome. In the n_____ century, many American believed in M_____ D_____, an i_____ that it was the d_____ of the U_____ S_____ to *s_r_a_ out across N_____ America. American n_____ publishers Joseph P_____ and William Randolph H_____ fueled American p_____ by reporting s_____ stories of S_____ brutality in C_____.

American p_____ William M_____ sent the US b_____ *Maine* to C_____ to p_____ American c_____ in 18____. *U_h_p_y Cubans p_____ the a_____ of the M_____ because they felt the battleship was a t_____ gesture to C_____. The night it arrived in Cuba, a b_____ sunk the *M_____*, killing more than 250 A_____ crewmen. The American people were o_____. The phrase, "R_____ the M_____ " became a b_____ cry e_____ in the n_____. The people demanded w____, so C_____ authorized President McKinley to use m_____ force to remove the S_____ from C_____. America won the b_____ and one-sided S_____ -American W____, and gained the colonies of P_____ Rico, G_____, and the P_____ in exchange for twenty m_____ dollars.

The United States r_____ Cuba as an i_____ nation, but the f_____ Cuba to agree to the P_____ Amendment. The Platt A_____ gave A_____ the r_____ to l_____ land for a n_____ base on C_____ territory, and the right to i_____ in C_____ affairs. The United States o_____ Cuba twice, a_____ many C_____ who felt they were being c_____ by a f_____ power.

Answer in a complete sentences

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CUBA

*1. What events in American history fueled the idea of Manifest Destiny?

*2. William Randolph Hearst said to Frederic Remington, "You furnish the picture, We'll furnish the war." Why do you think Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst reported sensational stories about Spanish brutality in Cuba?

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3. Do you think the United States was interested in making Cuba an American colony? Defend your answer.

*4. How would you feel in you lived in Cuba the day the *Maine* arrived?

*5. American Navy Secretary Theodore Roosevelt was frustrated with President McKinley's attempts to avoid war. Roosevelt complained that the President had "no more backbone than a chocolate éclair." Why do you think so many American were eager for war with Spain at the end of the nineteenth century?

*6. Why do you think Spain agreed to exchange Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Guam with the United States for twenty million dollars?

*8. What were the terms of the Platt Amendment?

*7. Why do you think the United States insisted on the Platt Amendment before withdrawing their forces from Cuba?

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FIDEL CASTRO

Fidel C_____ attempted a r_____ against Cuban d_____ Fulgencio B_____ in 19____, but when the revolt *f_____, Castro e_____ to the m_____. C_____ was c_____ and s_____ to f_____ years in p_____, but B_____ later p_____ Castro.

C_____ attacked *t_____ years after the *f_____ revolt. He p_____ free e_____ and the end of government c_____. The U_____ S_____ withdrew its s_____ of the B_____ regime at the *r_q_e_t of Cuban b_____ leaders, l_____, and R_____ Catholic b_____. Castro became the *l____r of C_____ when B_____ fled to F_____ in 19_____.

Castro set up a one-party C_____ government in Cuba. Shortly after taking p_____, he s_____ his relationship with the U_____ S_____ and formed an alliance with the S_____ U_____. America was concerned because it was involved in a C_____ War with the *S_____, and each side hoped to influence d_____ nations.

A group of about 1500 Cuban e_____ tried to o_____ Castro's government in a 1961 i_____ supported by the A_____ government. The C_____ exiles landed at the B_____ of P_____ on the s_____ coast of C_____ in 19____, but were thoroughly defeated.

In 19____, American s_____ planes discovered the S_____ government was building l_____ pads for n_____ missiles in C_____. American P_____ John K_____ threatened to i_____, and the w_____ came c_____ to n_____ war. S_____ premier Nikita K_____ agreed to r_____ the m_____ if A_____ agreed to not i_____ Cuba.

Many C_____ were *u_____ with their lives. They *pl____d_d for an *o_p_r_u_i_y to leave Cuba. A_____ president Jimmy C_____ agreed to a_____ anyone who wanted to leave C_____. Castro o_____ the p_____ of M_____ to a_____ who w_____ to l_____. but he was s_____ and e_____ by the n_____ of p_____ who a_____ his o_____.

Castro decided to use his agreement to rid Cuba of people he considered *"u_d_s_r_b_e." He e_____ his p_____ and d_____ some of the s_____ people from his h_____. Castro forced A_____ to either close its *b_a_d_r_, or to a_____ people he considered *p_o_l_ms. The U_____ S_____ agreed to a_____ all of Castro's e_____, so more than _____ Cubans arrived in America. Castro eventually c_____ the port in M_____, but many C_____ continued to *t_y to leave. They often resorted to any b_____ or r_____ that could get them to the United States. Many Cubans *d_____ at s_____.

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*1. Why did many Cubans oppose the Batista government?

2. Why did Castro alienate many Cuban people once he took power?

*3. If given a choice, whom would most Cuban exiles choose as their leader, Batista or Castro. Defend your answer.

*4. Cuba has often been described as a “third-world nation. If America led the free world and the Soviet led the communist world during the Cold War, what was the “third world?”

*5. What dilemma was American President Jimmy Carter faced with when he agreed to accept the people who wanted to leave Cuba?

*6. Was the American government correct when they accepted every Cuban Castro deported in the Marial boatlift? Defend your answer.

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ELIÁN GONZÁLEZ

Many Cubans tried to leave the *i_____ in order to reach America. They often resorted to b_____ and r_____ that were not seaworthy. Many *p_____ at s_____. On T_____ Day, 1999, two boaters found a f_____ year old boy named E_____ González c_____ to a r_____. Elian was the only s_____ of the t_____ people who left Cuba. His m_____ and s_____ were among the p_____ killed when their boat c_____.

American I_____ officials delivered E_____ to his u_____, a Cuban e_____ living in M_____. Elian's f_____ demanded the boy be r_____ to him in C_____. Elian's u_____ refused. American l_____ states that the c_____ living b_____ relative has the right of *c_s_o_y in cases like this. When Elián's u_____ refused to r_____ Elián to his f_____, United States A_____ General Janet R_____ ordered i_____ agents to s_____ Elián from his u_____ 's house and r_____ him to his f_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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*1. Why did Lazaro González refuse to return Elián to his father in Cuba?

*2. Do you agree or disagree with Lazaro González's decision? Defend your answer.

3. Why did Janet Reno want to return Elián to Cuba?

*4. Janet Reno ordered the seizure Elián González so that he could be sent back to Cuba. She knew he faced an uncertain future in Cuba, and that he had a loving family in America. She also knew her actions would anger the vocal Cuban community in Florida. In fact, many people believe Al Gore lost Florida in the 2000 Presidential election in part because Cubans-Americans voted overwhelmingly against him. With that in mind, do you agree with Ms. Reno's decision to seize Elián from Lazaro's house and return him to Cuba? Defend your answer.

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PUERTO RICO

P_____ R_____ is a “c_____” of the United States. P_____ R_____ are American c_____; the *i_____ is g_____ under American l_____ with a few e_____. Puerto Rico is not r_____ to p_____ federal t_____, and the c_____ has a l_____ minimum w_____ that the U_____ S_____.

The P_____ R_____ people are d_____ about their f_____. In 1998, 46% of the people v_____ to begin the p_____ to make P_____ R_____ the 51st s_____. A small *m_____ voted for outright i_____ from the United States. *M_____ of the people selected “n_____ of the a_____,” so it is u_____ that there will be any c_____ in Puerto Rico’s r_____ with the U_____ S_____ in the foreseeable f_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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1. How did Puerto Rico become a possession of the United States?

2. There are more people of Puerto Rican ancestry than of any other West Indian island. Why do you think this is so?

3. What is your opinion about the future relationship of PuertoRico and the United States? Should the island be granted independence, become the fifty-first states, or take some other path. Explain your decision.

10% EXTRA CREDIT TRIVIA: The are actually 46 states, not 50. Four “states” call themselves commonwealths instead of states. Identify them.

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HAITI

Francois Toussaint L'_____ led a H_____ slave r_____ in 17____ against the F_____ plantation o_____. After *t_____ years of *f_____, the slaves d_____ the F_____ and formed the f_____ independent b_____ nation.

The former s_____ had no e_____ in g_____. Slaves had not been a_____ to be e_____, so few people could r_____ or w_____. Other nations *r_f_s_d to r_____ or trade with the *b_____ government, and the i_____ from s_____ production was gone.

Haiti was ruled by the D_____ family for ____ years. Francois, "P_____ D_____" Duvalier was a d_____ who s_____ in treating m_____. He was e_____ by the largest m_____ in Haitian h_____, but became a d_____ one he gained p_____. Papa Doc s_____ his c_____ over H_____ by p_____ his b_____ in V_____. He created a v_____ military f_____ known as the T_____ M_____, who t_____ or k_____ many of D_____ 's opponents. In 19____, the H_____ people r_____ against the D_____, son, J_____-C_____, nicknamed "B_____-D_____."

A former C_____ priest named Jean-Bertrand A_____ was e_____ president in 19____, but the Haitian m_____ staged a c_____ within m_____ and A_____ was forced to f_____ to the U_____ S_____. The United States i_____ Haiti in 1994 and r_____ Aristide to p_____.

Answer in a complete sentences

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*1. Why is Haiti unique? [Note: there are many possible answers to this question.]

2. Who was Francois Toussaint L'overture?

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