

United States History Content Standards

Domain 1: Discovery and Settlement of the New World

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- 1.1.01 Explain the peopling of North America. Explain the cultures and legacies of the major indigenous settlements in pre-Columbian North America.
- 1.1.02 Describe the early explorations of the New World by the Vikings.
- 1.1.03 Analyze the economic trade system with the Far East, the political empire building in Europe, and the scientific advances that prompted the voyages of exploration in the late fifteenth century.
- 1.1.04 Explain the motives of Christopher Columbus and other major explorers in the New World; trace their routes and describe their accomplishments.
- 1.1.05 Compare and contrast the goals and extent of Spanish, French, Dutch, and English settlements in the New World.
- 1.1.06 Explain the early conflicts, cooperation, and cultural exchange between the European settlers and the indigenous peoples in North America.

Domain 2: The Colonial Era

Topic 1: The Founding of the Colonies

- 2.1.01 Describe the major leaders and groups responsible for founding the original English colonies in North America. Analyze the distinctive characteristics of various colonies and the underlying reasons for their establishment.
- 2.1.02 Describe the demographic characteristics of New World settlements and explain the differing reasons people came to the colonies from both Europe and Africa.
- 2.1.03 Describe the distinctions between the various kinds of colonies and the structure and functions of the different kinds of colonial governments.
- 2.1.04 Explain the influence of British political and legal traditions in shaping