**“EARLY AMERICANS”**

The Story Begins….

The “First Americans” were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Approximately 15,000 years ago, they migrated here from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They formed various civilizations that ranged from nomadic tribes to complex civilizations. Three powerful Native American societies were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These people depended on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their food, clothing, and shelter. Their cultures varied based on their location and geography. Even today, many places and bodies of water in the Northern Neck reflect this Native American heritage, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

After the Crusades, Europeans competed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They used new inventions to help them explore the unknown. In fact, they did not even know that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even existed. They simply thought there was a huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Europe and Asia. Europeans sought way to Asia for the wealth gained from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gained support from the king and queen of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He wanted to find a shortcut to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thought he could sail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. Luckily, he reached the Bahamas after two months at sea. At this point, two worlds collided – The Old World, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and The New World, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Spanish began to form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico, South America, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S. They tried to make the Indians slaves. They also converted them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and built plantations. In addition to bringing new crops and ideas to the Americas, new plants and animals were taken back to Europe. This exchange of culture is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Products sent from Europe to America: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Products sent from Americas to Europe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, peanuts, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Europeans brought new technology and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – devastated Indian diseases. Because of the weakened Indian populations, Europeans began to import \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-based economy encouraged demand for cheap, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Other European countries began to compete to create \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the New World. Colonies provided raw materials and markets for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Europeans and the Indians had differing ideas over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Indians believed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ owned the land while Europeans believed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This created hostilities and warfare. One exception was the ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who treated Indians as equals and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them. They wanted to develop a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ industry.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ settled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colonies along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coast and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had possession of land in Brazil.