

FIRST SEMESTER HISTORY STUDY GUIDE

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Use your history journal to find the answers and fill in the blanks.

What is History? History is the story of what happened in the _____.

Why study history? "Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it."—*Santayana*

We study history so we don't make the same _____ again.

A _____ is an explanation that hasn't been proven. *A fact is something we know to be true.*

23,000 BC--End of the Ice Age. According to one theory, Mankind *migrates* to North America over the _____. Another theory is the island hopping theory.

0 AD – Calendar based on birth of Christ. A.D. means _____
(“In the Year of Our Lord.”)

1492 -- *Columbus* Sailed the Ocean Blue. Sent by *Spain* in search of the Indies. Found The Bahamas (San Salvador) instead. It took _____ days of sailing on the *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*. During 50 years of Columbus rule of Haiti, up to 8 million natives disappear.

1499 -- The Americas are named for Italian explorer, Amerigas _____.

Other Explorers: 1271 Marco Polo explores _____.

1579 Sir Francis Drake explores California.

1600 Ponce deLeon seeks the “Fountain of Youth.”

_____ Magellen circumnavigates (sails around) the globe.

1000 -- Five hundred years before Columbus, the _____ come to North America. (Other evidence suggests Irish Monks were the first to arrive in North America, around 500 AD)

1543 -- Bartolome _____ claims Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, for Spain.

1500's -- Spanish *explorers* bring _____ to America. Natives call them _____.

1576 – European traders take 40,000 African men, women, and children from their homes and sell them into slavery.

- 1583-86 – Sir Walter _____ attempts but fails to establish the first colony in the New World (at Roanoke).
- 1587 – Virginia _____ is the first English child born in the New World.
- 1606 -- Jamestown Colonists arrive in America on the *Discovery*, the *Susan Constant*, and the *Godspeed*. The colony is named for King James. “There is nothing to be gained except by hard work,” says _____.
- 1607 -- _____ and her people help English explorers, settlers, and colonists.
- 1612 — When tobacco becomes the colony’s main crop, King James warns that smoking is _____, harmful to the _____, and dangerous to the _____.”
- 1616 -- _____ epidemic kills thousands of Indians. *Some historians believe the plague is the single most important event in American history.*
- 1620 -- The “*Pilgrims*” leave England to emigrate to America on the *Mayflower*. They land at Plymouth Rock, Mass. on Dec. 21, which had been the Indian village of Pautuxet.
- 1621 -- Half the original 102 pilgrims die during the first winter. Native Americans, such as Squanto, teach the remaining pilgrims to hunt, fish, and farm, saving their lives. In _____, they have the first “Thanksgiving” feast.
- 1692 --Witch Trials in Salem, Mass.
- 1713 --*Tea* is introduced to the American colonies.
- 1718 -- Blackbeard (who’s real name is _____), Carolina *pirate*, is captured and executed by the British Navy.
- 1732 -- Ben Franklin publishes “Poor _____,” making him an American *statesman (or leader)*.
- 1752 -- Ben Franklin flies a kite during a storm to prove that _____ is *electricity*.
- 1775 – _____ ride warns the patriots of British Troops: “The British are coming! The British are coming!”