



## Exploration and Colonization

### Unit Vocabulary

Experience	Word	Definition
Conflict and Cooperation Between Colonists and Indigenous People	agricultural expansion	the process of increasing the amount of land used for farming and raising livestock
Trade and Profit	cash crop	a crop grown mainly to be sold for profit rather than used by the farmer for food or feeding livestock
Enslavement in the Colonies	chattel slavery	a system in which enslaved people are treated as property for life, with no rights, and can be bought, sold, or inherited
Comparing Colonial Regions	charter	a formal document that grants rights, powers, or privileges, or sets up how something will be organized
European Colonization	colonization	the process of a country taking control of land and people outside its borders, often by force, and sending its own people to live there
European Colonization	colony	a land controlled by a foreign country, and occupied by people who have settled there from that country
The Columbian Exchange	Columbian Exchange	The Columbian Exchange was the transfer of plants, animals, diseases, and ideas between Europe, Africa, and the Americas in the 1400s and 1500s.
Colonial Governments	compact	a formal agreement that sets rules or organizes how people or groups will work or live together
Spanish Conquest	conquest	the act of taking control of a place or people through force
Spanish Conquest	conquistador	Spanish colonizer in the 1500s who explored and claimed land in the Americas, especially in regions like Mexico and Peru
European Colonization	convert	to change one's religious beliefs, usually by adopting a new religion or switching from one religion to another
The Columbian Exchange	cultural diffusion	Cultural diffusion is the spread of ideas, beliefs, and customs from one culture or group to another.

Enslavement in the Colonies	enslavement	the act of forcing someone into slavery or the condition of being held as an enslaved person
Enslavement in the Colonies	enslavemer	someone who forces an individual or group into slavery and claims ownership over their lives and labor
Conflict and Cooperation Between Colonists and Indigenous People	hospitality	the friendly and generous treatment of guests, visitors, or strangers, often by welcoming them, sharing food or shelter, and making them feel comfortable
Colonial Arts and Literature	hymn	a religious song or poem of praise to God or a god
English Colonization	Joint stock company	a business where many investors each own a small part, sharing the costs, risks, and profits of starting a colony or other large project
Colonial Governments	legislative body	a group of people chosen to make or change laws for a colony, state, country, or other place with the power to govern itself
Trade and Profit	manufactured goods	products made from raw materials by people using tools or machines to create finished items for use or trade
Trade and Profit	mercantilism	an economic policy in which a country increases its wealth and power by controlling trade and exporting more than it imports
European Exploration	motivations	the reasons or goals that cause a person or group to act or behave in a certain way
European Colonization	Pilgrims	a group of English Separatists who traveled to North America in 1620 and founded Plymouth Colony to practice their religion freely
Trade and Profit	plantation	a large farm that grows a single cash crop for sale and often relies on enslaved or low-paid labor
Colonial Arts and Literature	portrait	an artistic representation of a person's face, and sometimes body, often wearing fancy clothes or holding special objects
Spanish Conquest	presidio	a fortified settlement built by the Spanish to protect their colonies and control surrounding areas
Trade and Profit	profit	the money a person or business has left over after all costs and expenses are paid
Comparing Colonial Regions	proprietary	describes something that is owned or controlled under an exclusive legal right.
Colonial Governments	representative government	a system where citizens elect leaders to make laws and decisions on their behalf for their community or nation

Colonial Governments	self-government	a system where people have the power to make their own laws and run their own affairs without control from an outside authority
European Colonization	settlement	a place where people from another area or country establish a community, usually with the goal of living there permanently and building homes, farms, or towns
European Colonization	Spanish mission	a religious settlement set up by Spanish missionaries and colonists to convert Indigenous people to Christianity and help Spain control new land in the Americas
Enslavement in the Colonies	The Middle Passage	the forced journey of enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas, on the middle part of the triangular trade, where they endured violent and deadly conditions on slave ships
Conflict and Cooperation Between Colonists and Indigenous People	treaty	a formal, written agreement made between groups or nations, often created through negotiation, to keep peace, share resources, or solve problems
Trade and Profit	triangular trade	a system of transatlantic trade that connected Europe, Africa, and the Americas and involved the exchange of goods and enslaved people between the three continents