



Guided Reading Activity

Colonial America

Section

Early English Settlements



Give yourself enough time to read and understand the text. Don't rush through it. Take your time and pause to reread sections or to think about what you've just read.

Filling in the Blanks DIRECTIONS: Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box. Use another sheet of paper if necessary.

Sir Walter Raleigh
 Captain John Smith
 Sir Francis Drake
 John White

House of Burgesses
 Spanish Armada
 colonists
 tobacco

royal
 seas
 England
 Jamestown

Roanoke
 Virginia Company
 charters

Trading rivalry and religious differences pushed (1) _____ and Spain toward war. (2) _____ attacked Spanish ships and ports. King Philip II sent the (3) _____ to conquer England, but it failed. This marked the end of Spanish control of the (4) _____.

Queen Elizabeth gave (5) _____ the right to claim land in North America. He sent people to settle in (6) _____, led by (7) _____. He returned to England for supplies, and when he finally returned to the settlement found it deserted. The (8) _____ were never seen again.

Groups of merchants sought (9) _____ to settle in North America. The (10) _____ was a joint-stock company that sent colonists who settled (11) _____. (12) _____ helped the colonists survive the first two years. They eventually found a way to make money by growing (13) _____. Colonists formed the (14) _____, where representatives made laws for the colony. Due to financial trouble, King James canceled the charter in 1624, and Jamestown became the first (15) _____ colony in America.