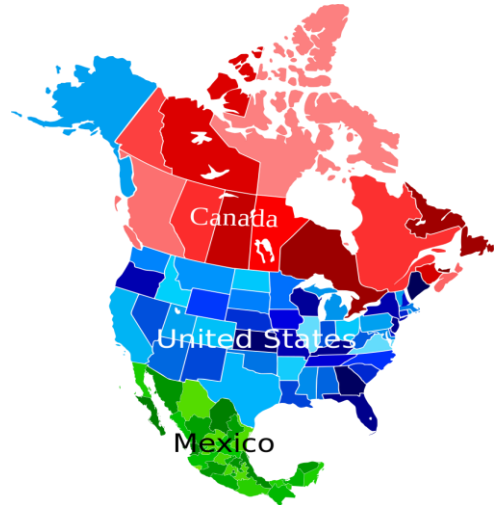


AGE OF
EXPLORATION
European Influence



This Passport Belongs To:

Study the map & chart below to answer the questions on the right.



City	State/Province/ Country	Country Settled By	Meaning
Baton Rouge	Louisiana	French	Red Stick
New Orleans	Louisiana	French	Named for the Duke of Orleans
St. Louis	Missouri	French	Name for King Louis IX
Montreal	Canada	French	Mount Royal
Amarillo	Texas	Spanish	Yellow
San Francisco	California	Spanish	Named for Saint Francis
Santa Fe	New Mexico	Spanish	Holy Faith
Veracruz	Mexico	Spanish	True Cross
New York	New York	English	Named for the Duke of York
Portland	Maine	English	Named for Portland, England
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English Food & Traditions

Station #12

Afternoon tea is a light meal eaten at roughly 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It originates in Britain. Traditionally, loose tea would be served in a teapot with milk and sugar. This would be accompanied by various sandwiches (customarily cucumber, egg and cress, tuna, ham, and smoked salmon), scones, and usually cakes and pastries.

Browse the images at your station and list English foods below:

The common traditions of Christmas have roots in English history (a historically Christian nation). For instance, in the 1820s political conflict caused British writers to worry that Christmas was losing popularity. The book A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens played a major role in reinventing Christmas as a holiday emphasizing family, goodwill, and compassion.

What Christmas traditions still celebrated by some North Americans are you aware of?

English Architecture

Station #11

The English style of architecture you see at this station is known as “colonial.” As you look at the images, pay notice to its shape. There is usually a decorative crown above the door and flattened columns to either side of it.

Browse the images of “colonial” architecture at your station. What observations can you make?

Draw an example of a “Colonial-style” house below:

1. Based on the map & chart, in which areas would you expect to see Spanish influence?

- A. Northeast US C. Southwest US, Mexico
- B. Canada D. Along the Mississippi River

2. Based on the map & chart, in which areas would you expect to see French influence? (circle all that apply)

- A. Northeast US C. Southwest US, Mexico
- B. Canada D. Along the Mississippi River

3. Based on the map & chart, in which areas would you expect to see English influence?

- A. Northeast US C. Southwest US, Mexico
- B. Canada D. Along the Mississippi River

4. What observations can you make overall about the impact European Explorers had on North & Central America?

Spanish Language

Station #1

There are many Spanish words that we use in our everyday language. Identify the items at your station for examples. Write the words below (make sure you check the key for correct spelling):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

What other Spanish words do you know?

The Spanish words "san" or "santa" mean *saint*. Spanish settlers often named Spanish missions with these words, such as Santa Barbara, California. What other cities do you see with *san* or *santa* (try to name 2 or 3 at least)?

Where are most of them located? What inference can you draw based on this information?

English Music

Station #10

The songs at your station highlight the style known as Folk or "Low" music. It was popular among the common people of England (not royalty). It is often considered the roots of what we know as Bluegrass and Folk musical genres.

This style highlights connections with other countries in the United Kingdom (made up of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales). Listen for violin, other stringed instruments, piano, the harpsichord, and bagpipes.

Play the songs at your station. What observations can you make about the influence of English music?

English Language

Station #9

Did you know that in England they use many different expressions from our American English?

For example:

American English

suspenders

semi-truck

cookie

candy

trash

potato chips

judge

jury

British English

braces

lorry

biscuit

sweets

rubbish

potato crisps

judge

jury

Try out some British English by writing sentences using three of the words/phrases above:

Why do you think the terms “judge” and “jury” are the same in both countries?

Spanish Music

Station #2

Flamenco still enjoys its place in Spain and can be found everywhere, even amongst the youth culture. The origins of Flamenco go back to the 16th century and are mainly from the gypsies of Andalucía who developed this form of entertainment around the campfires. Rumba music was a Cuban derivation of the Flamenco from Andalusians settling there.

Today, Mexican Son music shows a connection to Flamenco with a heavy influence on guitar and similar beats. The Decimas style of Mexico is a folk type music that originates in Andalusia along with Flamenco.

Every song tells a story ranging from love to history and politics. It is considered to be Spain's folklore music and combines music with dance, movement, feeling and meaningful song.

Play the songs at your station. What observations can you make about the influence of Spanish music?

Spanish Architecture

Station #3

One Spanish style of architecture is known as “mission.” Spanish settlers in the Western Hemisphere wanted to make buildings that reminded themselves of buildings in Spain and to try to impress the native inhabitants of the colonies. Many early settlements were also a way to spread the Catholic faith, so they were called *missions*. The most common building materials in the dry climates where they often settled were mud and clay, so adobe (mud) walls and clay roof tiles are common in what became known as the “mission style.”

Browse the images of “mission” architecture at your station. What observations can you make?

Draw an example of a “mission” below:

French Food & Architecture

Station #8

French cuisine has a reputation of foods that feature heavy creams and butter as a staple in many dishes. Also, cheese and bread are essential to any French meal.

French cuisine is characterized by its extreme diversity. French cuisine is considered to be one of the world's most refined and elegant styles of cooking, and is renowned for both its classical and simple styles.

Browse the images at your station and list French foods below:

The fleur-de-lis is a symbol that is often used as a symbol of France. Its name literally means “flower of the lily.” The fleur-de-lis is a stylized design of an iris flower which is used both decoratively and symbolically. It is also a symbol of royalty. Draw your own fleur-de-lis below:

French Architecture

Station #7

French culture has influenced architecture in several ways. First, French architecture is noted for balconies, a kind of platform projecting from the wall of a building.

French buildings also often feature courtyards, wrought iron fences, brick sidewalks, fountains, French doors, and high-vaulted ceilings.

Browse the images of French architecture at your station. What observations can you make?

Draw an example of a balcony below:

Spanish Food & Traditions

Station #4

Spain is a country rich in culinary heritage and famous foods. The most common misconception about Spanish food is that it is spicy hot. In fact, Spanish foods are noted for their fresh natural flavors. The staples of the Spanish kitchen include olive oil, tomatoes, garlic, and onions.

Browse the images at your station and list Spanish foods below:

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The piñata is a very famous Spanish tradition. Piñatas are suspended on a rope and filled with candy and toys and used during celebrations. A succession of blindfolded children tries to break the piñata in order to collect the candy inside of it. It has been used for hundreds of years to celebrate special occasions.

Add a strip of tissue paper to our piñata at this station!

French Language

Station #5

There are many French words that we use in our everyday language. Identify the items at your station for examples. Write the words below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

What other French words do you know?

Check the key at your station for correct spelling!

French Music

Station #6

The first song at this station is an examples of Zydeco (pronounced: **zide**/eh/ko). Zydeco is a form of folk music that is popular in southwest Louisiana. It is influenced by the “musette” music of the French. Zydeco is usually upbeat, fast tempo, and dominated by the piano, accordion and a washboard. Other instruments include the fiddle, guitar, bass guitar and drums.

The second song is shows a connection to French Canadian music from New Brunswick. The L’Acadians from Canada were ancestors to the Cajuns (now in the area of Louisiana). This song *Acadie À La Louisiane*, by Bruce Daigrepoint, tells the story of the Acadian migration to Louisiana.

Play the songs at your station. What observations can you make about the influence of French music?
