

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read the text
2. Listen do the audio
- 3.Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

North America is home to _____ from all over the world. Some are the descendants of Native Americans who have lived on the _____ for thousands of years, while others are the _____ of European immigrants who have lived in North America for hundreds of years or for only a few generations. There are also millions of people who descend from _____ slaves brought to North America as part of the transatlantic slave trade that flourished up until the 18th century.

It's believed that the earliest North Americans were _____ who arrived from Asia thousands of years ago and became the indigenous people we now call Native Americans. Historians theorize that Asians crossed a bridge of land or ice connecting present-day Russia and Alaska tens of thousands of _____ ago. They slowly migrated southward in search of more favorable climate.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, people from _____, Holland, _____, and Spain were among the first Europeans to establish colonies. Long voyages across the _____ were made by people seeking economic opportunities, or they sought freedom from political or religious persecution in their homelands. The _____ established colonies in Central America and what is now _____ and the southwestern areas of the United States. The British concentrated on colonizing the east coastal regions, while _____ explorers, traders, and trappers settled in the midwest and areas around Canada.

Today _____ continue to arrive in North America from Asia and Africa. Immigration from European countries has slowed down dramatically with the exception of countries like Russia and Ukraine. The two most _____ destinations on the continent are the United States and Canada. Thanks to large waves of immigration over the last few _____ years, North America benefits tremendously from the

NOTES

Geographically North America comprises the USA, Canada and Mexico.

Hundreds: 100's

Thousands: '000's

Slaves: humans who do forced labor

Trade: commerce

Early is the opposite of Late

To theorize: to develop a theory about something

Ago = in the past

Favorable = good

Among = one of them

North: up

South: down

East: right

West: left

Southward: in the direction to the south

Northward: in the direction to the north

Slow down = diminish

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