Early America and Exploration Test Study Guide

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**Study Topics:**

- Four N.C. Regions and the Fall Line

- Geography and climate of the five U.S. Regions

- Impact of European Exploration on Native Americans

- The Columbian Exchange (positive and negative consequences)

- How geography and climate effect colonization (importance of water and weather, natural resources, etc.)

- Three G's - goals of European Exploration

-  Portuguese, Spanish, English and French

- Mercantilism - What is it? Who was it designed to benefit?

- Explorers: Francisco Pizarro, Hernan Cortes, Ferdinand Magellan, Giovanni de Verrazzano, John White, Ralph Lane, Samuel Champlain, and Sir Walter Raleigh

- Navigation and shipbuilding innovations and improvements with encouraged exploration

- The location and story of the Lost Colony

**Things to Study:**

* U.S. and N.C. regions graphic organizers and maps
* Age of Exploration Guided Notes
* Columbian Exchange worksheet
* Exploration Vocabulary Boxes