

Study Guide
Chapter 3 – The Peopling of the United States

Know the following terms:

culture: a way of life shared by a group of people

diverse: made up of different groups of people

the Americas: the landmasses and islands of North and South America

colony: a settlement that is ruled by another country

immigrant: someone who comes from another place to live in a country

democracy: a form of government in which people vote for their leaders

Know the following concepts:

The First Americans

*came from Asia across a land bridge

*American Indians were descendants of these first people

*came as hunters looking for food

Contributions:

*jerky

*vanilla

*corn and potatoes

*legends and myths

*moccasins

*pottery

The Spanish

*exploration started with a man named Christopher Columbus

*Columbus was looking for Asia but found the Caribbean islands

*explorers after Columbus came to the Americas and built colonies

*Many colonies were set up in Mexico and other countries south of there
(Latin America – South America, Cuba, the Caribbean)

*ancestors are called Latinos

*built ranches (cowboys originated here), towns, churches

Contributions:

*tacos and tortillas,

*saddles

*guitars

*rodeos

*Spanish-style buildings

*the word “mosquito”

The Europeans

- *many settlers came from England and began colonies in North America
- *the 13 American colonies attracted settlers from many parts of Europe
- *people came to find land, work, and religious freedom
- *in 1776, the colonies broke away from England and became the United States of America

Contributions:

- *spaghetti
- *trains
- *telephones
- *ballet
- *denim
- *poetry

The Africans

- *originally came to America on slave ships
- *worked on farms raising tobacco, rice, and cotton
- *American Civil War ended slavery in 1865
- *Martin Luther King Jr. worked for equality for all in America
- *today, all Americans are equal under the law

Contributions:

- *jazz
- *banjos
- *spirituals
- *gospel music
- *folktales
- *drums

The Asians

- *the first Chinese immigrants came looking for gold in California
- *these immigrants also worked on farms and in factories
- *they often worked very long hours for very little pay

Contributions:

- *Asian foods; chow mein, ramen...
- *words like: jungle, shampoo, bamboo, gingham
- *acupuncture
- *origami
- *martial arts
- *Japanese gardens

The first Europeans to settle on Manhattan Island were Dutch.

The name Manhattan comes from *Mana-hatta* which means "the hilly island" by the Lenapes.