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Chapter 3 Study Guide

- 1) Who were the first explorers to come to America? Why did they come?
Spanish explorers came to the land that would be called Alabama to find gold.
- 2) What did the Europeans unknowingly bring with them when they traveled to America?
The Europeans who came to America brought disease that killed the Indians.
- 3) What was an animal that the Europeans brought over that was not here before?
Europeans brought tamed horses over to the Americas.
- 4) Who was the first explorer to come to Alabama?
In 1540, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his forces first set foot in what is now [Alabama](#).
- 5) Who was the first explorer to explore the Mississippi River?
Hernando de Soto
- 6) What did King Louis XIV send his men in the Mobile area?
King Louis XIV sent women for the men to marry.
- 7) Which country has heavily influenced the Mobile area? What are some names that we still use today?
France was the country that has heavily influenced the Mobile area and gave names to Mardi Gras, azaleas, Bienville Square in Mobile.
- 8) What did the colonists sign to get independence from Great Britain? Why did they want independence?
Colonists unhappy with taxes from Great Britain wanted to become independent so they signed a document called The Declaration of Independence.
- 9) What was the American Revolution?
The war for freedom and independence from Great Britain was called the American Revolution.
- 10) Who owned land west of the Mississippi after the American Revolution?
After the war that established the United States of America, the land west of the Mississippi River was controlled by The United States.

11) Who gained New Orleans in the War of 1812?

The United States gained New Orleans in the War of 1812.

12) When did Alabama first become part of the United States?

Alabama became part of the United States for the first time when American troops accepted the surrender of the Spanish at Fort Charlotte on April 13, 1813.

13) Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Two members of the committee to write the Declaration of Independence were Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

14) What is the US Constitution? Where was it written?

The United States Constitution is a basic set of laws. Delegates met in Philadelphia, PA and agreed to write the Constitution.

15) What is the Bill of Rights?

The first ten amendments to the Constitution which spell out the rights of United States' citizens.

16) What did the Europeans want when they came to America?

The Europeans wanted to own land and become wealthy.

17) Who was Hernando de Soto?

Hernando de Soto was a conquistador, explored much of the Deep South looking for gold.

18) Who was Don Tristan de Luna?

The first permanent colony by Europeans was led by Don Tristan de Luna, a Spaniard living in Mexico.

19) Who built a fort at Twenty-seven Mile Bluff in Mobile?

In 1699, explorers from France built a fort and settled in the area of Mobile at Twenty-seven Mile Bluff.

20) Who was Alexander McGillivray?

Alexander McGillivray was the first child of Lachlan McGillivray and Sehoy Marchand, was educated in South Carolina, became the chief of the Creek Nation and fought for America in the Revolutionary War.