Lesson 1 | Activity #7 - Elementary School

FLORIDA: HISTORICAL FIGURES/CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

1) Spanish settler: settlers were responsible for working the land and growing crops such as beans, corn, wheat and raising livestock like cattle and pigs.

2) Spanish soldier: soldiers were responsible for building forts and military outposts and defending the colony by sea and land.

3) Free Blacks: Many converted their faith and served as soldiers for the Spanish. Free Blacks were involved in farming, trade, and defending the colony.

4) Black soldier: Living and defending Fort Mose in St. Augustine, soldiers served in their own units, succeeded to officer status, and fought in battles. Soldiers also helped build alliances with the Native Americans.

5) British settler: were responsible for establishing farms, small towns, trade routes, churches, and schools. They were involved in the timber industry, naval stores, cattle ranching, trade, and building King's Road in east Florida.

6) Merchant: merchants were responsible for importing goods such as olive oil, wine, and metal tools and exporting agricultural goods. Merchants traded with Native Americans for fruits and vegetables.

7) Native American: were helpful to settlers with farming and raising livestock such as cattle and pigs. They lived in villages and had alliances and rivalries with neighboring Native Americans. They also worked with European settlers to defend the colony from invaders.

8) Woman: were responsible for managing their home, grinding corn, weaving textiles for cloth, cooking, preserving food, and raising children.

9) Youth: boys helped with hunting, fishing, toolmaking, and trade. Girls helped with gathering water and preparing food, cleaning, and raising younger siblings.

10) Minorcans: were indentured servants working on indigo plantations in east Florida. Indigo was harvested for its blue dye to use with textiles (cloth) and art.

11) Clergy: responsible for building missions, teaching religious practices, and converting Native Americans to their faith.

12) Governor: governors were appointed to build and establish forts and communities to defend the colony from invading countries. The governor was also responsible for creating alliances with native Americans as well as defense of the colony.

13) East Florida Ranger: were a Loyalist volunteer militia that fought to defend the colony against American rebels. They signed up for three years of service and were paid one shilling per day of service.

14) Monarch: they were the ultimate authority over the territory. Legal authority and the direction/guidance of the colony was the responsibility of the monarch.