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Lesson 2 | Activity #1

STUDENT HANDOUT: THE TREATY OF PARIS (1763) CHART

Directions: Review the information presented below in the chart. Answer each question in complete sentences. The chart provides information on the transfer of power, the impact of the transfer of power, and why it matters.

Official Transfer of Power	• In 1763, Spain gave up Florida to Britain in exchange for the return of Havana, Cuba. • This was part of a larger deal: France gave up most of its North American territories to Britain, and Spain gave up Florida to Britain, while France gave Louisiana west of the Mississippi to Spain
What Happened After Transfer of Power	• British Period in Florida: From 1763 to 1783, Florida was under British control. The British divided it into the 14th and 15th colonies. (East Florida/Capital: St. Augustine and West Florida/Capital: Pensacola). • East Florida had fertile land and attracted British settlers from nearby colonies. The British offered land grants to encourage farming and defense, and many brought enslaved Africans to work on plantations growing crops like citrus, sugar cane, rice, cotton, and indigo. • West Florida was less populated due to its difficult terrain and climate. • The British replaced Spanish laws with British legal practices, which caused tensions with the existing Spanish-speaking population and Native Americans.
Why the Treaty of Paris 1763 Matters	• The treaty reshaped Florida's political and cultural landscape by ending Spanish rule and beginning British colonial governance. • It led to population changes as British settlers moved in, altering the region's economy and society. • It also set the stage for future conflicts, as British expansion into Florida increased tensions with Native Americans.

Questions:

1) Predict how will life change for the Spanish people in Florida once the British take over.

2) In your opinion and based on the information in the three-column chart, in which colony will most people live? The West colony or the East colony? Explain your answer.