

Guided Reading Activity

Creating a Nation

Lesson 1 *Origins of the American Nation*

Review Questions: Using Headings and Subheadings

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. Exploration and Colonization

A. What were the achievements of the Maya and Aztec civilizations?

B. What resource was important to each Native American group?

C. Why did Europeans look for new trade routes to Asia?

D. To where did Columbus sail hoping to find a new route to Asia?

E. How did Spain gain control over territory in Central and South America?

F. Who gave France land claims in America?

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II. Settling the Thirteen Colonies

A. **Why** were many of the English colonies founded?

B. **How** did the desire for religious freedom influence the settlement of different colonies?

III. The American Revolution

A. **What** led the colonists to declare their independence from England?

B. **Why** were the colonists able to achieve independence from England?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What changes did Europeans bring to the Americas?
