

Florida's Changing Flags

Track the European nations that controlled Florida before U.S. rule.

SS.4.A.3.7 "Identify nations (Spain, France, England) that controlled Florida before it became a United States territory."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each mention of Spain, France, or England. Then number the sentences that tell about a change in control, from earliest to latest, to track which nation ruled Florida at different times.

Who Controlled Florida?

- ① In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León claimed Florida for Spain. Spain wanted land, wealth, and a route through the region. Years later, France also tried to establish a colony. In 1564, French settlers built Fort Caroline near today's Jacksonville. Their settlement gave France a short period of control in part of Florida before Spanish forces arrived.
- ② Spain answered quickly. In 1565, Spanish soldiers captured Fort Caroline and Spain again controlled Florida. They built St. Augustine, which became an important Spanish settlement. More than 190 years later, England gained Florida from Spain in 1763, after a war ended. England divided the land into East Florida and West Florida for governing its new colonies.
- ③ England's control ended in 1783. Spain received Florida again after another war, and Spanish officials governed there for nearly four decades. In 1821, Spain transferred Florida to the United States through a treaty. Florida then became a United States territory. The changes in control show that several European nations ruled Florida before it joined the United States.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which nation claimed Florida in 1513?

2 What did French settlers build in 1564?

3 Which nation gained Florida from Spain in 1763?

4 Use the dates in the passage. Write the nation that controlled Florida in 1564, 1763, and 1783.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence caption for a history display about Florida's changing control. Name Spain, France, and England in the order each first appears in the passage, and include one accurate control detail for each nation.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each mention of Spain, France, or England. Then number the sentences that tell about a change in control, from earliest to latest, to track which nation ruled Florida at different times. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which nation claimed Florida in 1513?	Spain.
2	What did French settlers build in 1564?	Fort Caroline.
3	Which nation gained Florida from Spain in 1763?	England.
4	Use the dates in the passage. Write the nation that controlled Florida in 1564, 1763, and 1783.	1564: France. 1763: England. 1783: Spain.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Spain claimed Florida in 1513 and later captured Fort Caroline. France built Fort Caroline in 1564 and controlled part of Florida for a short time. England gained Florida from Spain in 1763 and divided it into East Florida and West Florida.

Accept Spain or Spanish, France or French, and England or English when the nation is clear. For the caption, accept varied wording if all three nations appear in the required order and each has an accurate detail from the passage.