

## **STANDARD USI.4b**

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**The student will apply social science skills to understand European exploration in North America and West Africa by**  
**b) describing cultural and economic interactions between Europeans and American Indians that led to cooperation and conflict, with emphasis on the American Indian and European concept of land;**

### **Essential Understandings**

The interactions between American Indians and Europeans sometimes led to cooperation and other times resulted in conflict.

### **Essential Knowledge**

#### **Cultural interactions**

- Spanish
  - Conquered and enslaved American Indians
  - Brought Christianity to the New World
  - Established missions
  - Introduced European diseases to American Indians
- French
  - Established trading posts
  - Spread Christian religion
- English
  - Established settlements on American Indian land and claimed ownership of land
  - Learned farming techniques from American Indians
  - Traded with American Indians
- American Indians
  - Taught farming techniques to European settlers
  - Believed that land was to be used and shared but not owned

#### **Areas of cooperation in economic interactions**

- Europeans brought weapons and metal farm tools.
- Trade
- Crops

#### **Areas of conflict**

- Land
- Competition for trade
- Differences in cultures
- Diseases
- Language differences