

Missions to North America

With your partner, follow the instructions on this handout to trace the missionary activities in North America during the Age of Exploration.



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1. Use **blue** to color the region where Spain sent the first missionaries.
2. Use **green** to color the two states where the Spanish Franciscans founded more than forty missions.
3. Use **orange** to color the state where the missions protected Spain's interest in the territory and became economic centers.
4. Use **purple** to color the region where the French Jesuits established missions.
5. Use a **star** and the **name of the mission** to label the first mission city founded in Florida in 1565.
6. Use an **X** and the **name of the mission** to label the mission that later became a key battle site in the Mexican-American War.
7. **Circle** the area where the missions taught the native peoples trades such as carpentry and masonry.
8. Inside present-day California, write the **year** by which no active missions remained in the state.
9. Use **red** to color the state where the French missionary presence extended from Canada.

