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Directions: Read the text, and study the image. Answer the questions.



History

Juan Ponce de León was an explorer. In 1506, he discovered an island. He called it Puerto Rico. The king of Spain made him the governor, and Spanish people came to settle there. Ponce de León discovered gold and good farming land. He became rich. He sold goods to ships that went to Spain. He enslaved American Indians. He made them work in the fields and in mines. They were treated very badly. Most of them died.



The king wanted Ponce de León to explore more lands. So, he set sail again. He discovered a land he called Florida.

1. If you traveled with Ponce de León long ago, where might you have lived?
 - a. in Canada
 - b. in England
 - c. in France
 - d. in Puerto Rico
2. Would you have wanted to be an American Indian on Puerto Rico? Why or why not?

3. The American Indians attacked Ponce de León when he landed in Florida. Why do you think they did this?

