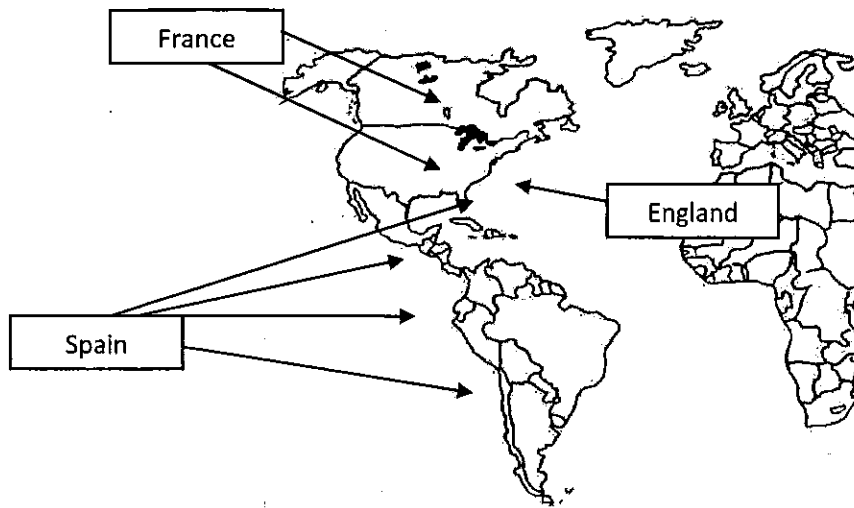


EUROPEAN EXPLORATION



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There were many European countries that explored the "New World" (the "New World" was the continents of North America and South America). Our standards discuss France, Spain, and England - because these three countries explored and settled what is now known as the United States. The Spanish set up colonies (places away from a country that keep ties to their home country) in modern-day Georgia (see below), the French set up colonies in modern-day Canada and modern-day New Orleans, and England created colonies on the eastern seaboard of the modern-day United States. Georgia was established as one of the English colonies in 1732.

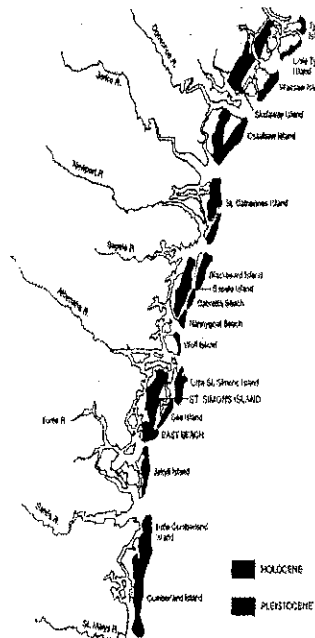
SPANISH EXPLORATION

If only my dogs were here...



**DESOTO =
BAD!**

One of the most evil Spanish explorers was **Hernando De Soto**. De Soto came into what is now known as Georgia to look for gold. He did not find gold, but what he did find was many Native Americans. He treated the Native Americans terribly. He and his men killed many of them - and many other died from diseases they caught from the Spanish explorers. Desoto died on his journey.



The Spanish not only came into Georgia to look for gold (through DeSoto) but they also established missions on the barrier islands of Georgia. The Spanish created these missions to convert people to Christianity. Some of these missions saw success - and some of them saw failure. Some of the Native Americans revolted, and some of them died from disease.

The Spanish exploration of Georgia greatly affected the Native Americans. Native American culture changed forever, and many Native Americans died from attacks and from disease.