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America: The Story of Us

Episode 1: "Rebels"

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions and also record 2-3 quotes on the back of the paper.

1. How long was the voyage by ship from Europe to America?
2. Within how many months of arrival did many European immigrants die?
3. Describe America's appearance (land/animals) when European settlers first arrived?
4. What are 3 reasons that Jamestown settlers died so quickly?
5. What crop made it possible for Jamestown to flourish was America's largest export for over a century?
6. What is the main reason the inhabitants of Plymouth, pilgrims, came to America?
7. What percentage of American's living today can trace their ancestry back to the Mayflower?
8. What are 3 benefits of becoming an American vs. being a European?
9. What object fueled America's economy in the mid/late 1700s much like oil fuels our economy today?
10. Between 1700-1800 how many African slaves were brought to America, "purchased" in Africa mainly by trading rum?
11. Which city had the first weekly newspaper?
12. Who created the first 'postal service'?
13. England banned settlements to protect Native American lands west of the Appalachians by creating a boundary called the _____ Line.
14. Every town across the colonies had a _____, made up of 'ordinary' men, to fight the British.
15. The first shot fired at Lexington is known as "_____"

Quote Examples:

Try your best to get the quote word for word. If you cannot- paraphrase the quote- to the best of your ability. Include the name of the person giving the quote and/or the reason the quote was said.

"We [Americans] have a natural resentment towards government." Aaron Sorkin (anger towards King/British government)

"The most formidable army in the world firing on an un-armed crowd." Narrator (about the Boston Massacre)

"Everybody should have access to knowledge." Jimmy Wales (about American ideals about communication)