**Ice Age Study Guide**

* The most recent Ice Age began around 2.5 million years ago.
* The earth was covered in one-third ice.
* Lake Agassiz was 110,000 square miles.

**Spanish Exploration and Colonization Study Guide**

* Tell what century the Spanish explored the Americas (1500s/16th century)
* Be able to explain that:
	+ Hernan Cortez was the Spanish explorer who took over the Aztecs in Veracruz, Mexico.
	+ Pizarro conquered the Incas in current day South America.
	+ Francisco Pizarro came to Hispaniola after sailing along the coast of South America and found a clean city with water, sewage and irrigation systems.
	+ Spain became the leading power of Europe
	+ Juan Ponce de Leon was a Spanish conquistador.
	+ Vasco Nunez de Balboa named the Pacific Ocean.
	+ Give three reason why Spanish explorers came to the Americas
		- To find gold
		- to get money
		- to get new land
		- to find the fountain of youth
		- for freedom
		- to share religious missionaries

**French Exploration and Colonization Study Guide**

* Tell what centuries the French explored the Americas (1500s-1600s 16th-17th century)
* Be able to explain that:
	+ French explorers were trying to find a Northwest Passage, a quicker way to get from Asia to the Americas.
	+ List at least 3 French explorers: Joliet, Champlain, La Salle, Cartier, Verrazano.
	+ Samuel de Champlain founded New France.
	+ Give 3 reasons why French explorers came to the Americas
		- fur trading
		- the queen wanted to find riches
		- to find a Northwest Passage
		- knowledge
		- land
		- power