**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