Informational text, a graphic organizer, writing sheets, and activities

Juan Ponce de León

Born: 1474
Died: 1521
Famous conquests: became governor of Puerto Rico; First Spain to discover Florida

Famous Quote: "The mines are running low though war is no help since every day more cockies rebel and refuse to go to work."

Juan Ponce de León, born in Spain to a noble family, joined the military at age 18. He later joined Christopher Columbus on the New World and they arrived in the West Indies. He used his military skills to help control the New World and helped establish settlements in Hispaniola. He became governor of Puerto Rico and continued to explore the new world.

Juan Ponce de León Graph Organizer

Juan Ponce de León Word Search

Juan’s Signature

Pictured above is Juan Ponce de León’s signature. Below is your signature. How does your signature look like his?
“The mines are running well, though war is no help since every day more caciques rebel and refuse to go [to work].”
Juan Ponce de Leon Timeline

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1. Juan Ponce de Leon is born in Spain.
2. Juan sets out on an expedition to Puerto Rico.
3. Juan and his crew spot La Florida.
4. Juan dies from injuries he got while on an expedition.
5. Juan returns to Puerto Rico.

Juan joins Christopher Columbus on the second voyage to the New World.
Juan sets sail from Puerto Rico in search for new land.
Juan sets out on an expedition to Puerto Rico.
Juan returns to Puerto Rico.

Cut and paste the event to the right spot on the timeline.
Juan Ponce de Leon Assessment

Decide if the statement is true or false. Write a “T” if it is true or a “F” if it is False.

1. ___ Juan was born in Spain.
2. ___ Juan went to the New World with Christopher Columbus.
3. ___ In the early 1500s, Juan built settlements in Mexico.
4. ___ He was the governor of Hispaniola.
5. ___ Juan found a lot of silver in Puerto Rico.
6. ___ The Natives rebelled against Juan and won.
7. ___ Juan discovered land in 1513 and named it La Florida.
8. ___ Juan never returned to Puerto Rico.
9. ___ Juan went on another expedition in 1521.
10. ___ Juan died of injuries after being attacked.