

# Legendary Florida: 500 Years of History Through Music and Art

## Ouick Guide Grades 3-8

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1513-2013 Music and art turn the pages of 500 years of history! Students sail into the adventure of crossing oceans and sighting land; land that is bursting with greenery and flowers of every color, 'Pascua Florida'! They step into the footprints of a noble people's pain, the pain of diseases and conquerors and betrayal they cannot combat. Around and around the building of forts and

battles rage; will this land be Spanish, French, or English? Students learn the dates, events, and personalities that have shaped their state, Florida.

History is a subject about people who dared to live their lives courageously. It illuminates their triumphs, their shortcomings, and the unknown consequences of their actions.

We can learn how to better write our own life stories by knowing theirs.

#### **Figures for Young Floridians**

**Juan Ponce de Leon**: Spanish explorer who set foot on Florida in 1513 **Hernando de Soto**: Spanish explorer who searched for gold in Florida **Osceola**: Brave leader who led native people in the fight for their land

#### Important Figures for Veteran Floridians

**Tristan de Luna:** From New Mexico led an expedition to settle Pensacola **Jean Ribault and Rene Goulaine de Laudeonniere**: Frenchmen who established Ft. Caroline near Jacksonville

**Pedro Menendez de Aviles**: Destroyed Ft. Caroline and helped establish St. Augustine

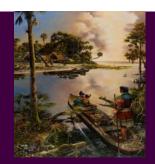
Robert Searles: Englishman who captured and burned St. Augustine

Casillo de San Marcos: Fort in St. Augustine

**Andrew Jackson**: Helped secure Florida for the United States **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings**: Pulizter Prize winner for 'The Yearling'

William Bartram: Early conservationist

Henry Flagler: Built an 'impossible' railroad and opened the door to FL



### **Who**

Ponce de Leon
Osceola
DeSoto
William Bartram
Andrew Jackson
Henry Flagler
Marjorie K Rawlings

Calusa
Timucua
Apalachee
Spanish
English
French
13 Colonies/States

Spanish: Land in FL in 1513; Search for Fountain of Youth and Gold: Settled St. Augustine: Oldest City

French: Settled west and north of FL and briefly captured Pensacola

English: Take Possession of FL after the French and Indian War, 1763
Establish West Florida,
Capitol Pensacola and East Florida, Capitol St. Augustine 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> British colonies

France: Joined the war on the side of the Colonies

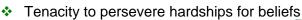
Spain: Joined the war on the side of the Colonies Florida returns to Spain after the Revolutionary War

According to FL historian Dr. Gary Mormino, one of the most important events in the history of Florida occurred sometime in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century. When Ponce de Leon first sighted land near present day Cape Canaveral in 1513, as many as 150,000 Natives lived in the place he christened La Florida. Natives had been living here for at least *10,000 years*; tribes and peoples called Timucua, Apalachee, Pensacola, Calusa, Creek, and Tequesta. Tragically, they all lacked immunity to Old World diseases; many perished, yet their place names endure. Florida's history, like America's, is one of youthful energy. It *is* one of Spanish explorers and immigrants, of people still seeking the Fountain of Youth, of cowboys and those seeking frontiers in space. Within the boundaries of the state is the oldest occupied city in North America, as well as the launching site of the first manned trip to the moon. Ponce de Leon named the peninsula La Florida because it reminded him of the spanish 'feast of flowers'. The poet Elizabeth Bishop rapsodized that Florida is 'the state with the prettiest name.'

#### Character Traits that created Florida



Courage to explore





Dedication to preserving natural beauty



Willingness to risk failure



The flags of five countries have flown over Florida. Many people have influenced the extraordinary history of this State we call home. COME! Journey with us!

Florida's Amelia Island flew under the flags of 4 different nations in the 1800's

In 1821, Florida becomes part of the United States

William Pope Duval: Governor of Territory of Florida

Tallahassee new Capitol

Seminole Wars ended in 1842 Florida becomes 27<sup>th</sup> State in 1845

William Dunn Moseley-First Governor of FL 1845-1849

Florida secedes from Union Biggest battle on Florida soil: Olustee

Spain 1513; 1565-1763; 1784-1821



France 1565-1763



England 1763-1784



Confederate1861-1865

