3. In 1485, the Muslim rulers had been ejected from the peninsula except those in Grenada.

4. In 1469, Queen Isabel and King Ferdinand married and unified Castile and Aragon into what would later be known as Spain.

5. Queen Isabel financed Christopher Columbus’ voyage to the New World.

6. Christopher Columbus landed on what is known today as San Salvador at 2 am on October 12, 1492.

7. Juan Ponce de Leon was the first European explorer to reach the mainland that would later be called the United States.

8. De Leon reached the atlantic shore of the land he named Florida in March 1513.

9. Leon was struck by an arrow shot by a Calusa Native American and returned to Cuba, where he died.

10. In April 1521, the nation of Spain defeated the Aztec Empire.

11. Hernando de Soto died in 1542.