



## St. Augustine

Florida is well known for its beautiful scenery and warm weather, but it also has some of the most interesting historical landmarks in America. Did you know that the first European settlement in America was built in Florida? The settlement of St. Augustine, founded in 1565 by the Spanish, was already 55 years old when the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth! In its early history, St. Augustine was attacked many times by English pirates such as Sir Francis Drake. By 1683, the settlers built a fort named Castillo de San Marcos to protect themselves from invaders.

Today, St. Augustine is a popular tourist attraction and is considered the oldest city in America. Visitors can tour the original fort and learn how the settlers lived and protected themselves from their enemies.

**1. Which of the following is Florida NOT well known for?**

- A. weather
- B. scenery
- C. history
- D. industry

**2. What was the first European settlement in America?**

- A. Plymouth
- B. Florida
- C. Castillo de St. Marcos
- D. St. Augustine

**3. What is NOT true about St. Augustine?**

- A. It is the oldest city in America
- B. It was attacked by pirates
- C. It was the first pirate settlement in America
- D. It was founded in 1565

**4. Castillo de St. Marcos was built....**

- A. for protection
- B. for the king
- C. for the Pilgrims
- D. for the pirates

**5. What does the author ask?**

- A. If the reader knows that pirates attacked St. Augustine
- B. If the reader knows that the first European settlement in America was built in Florida
- C. If the reader knows when St. Augustine was founded
- D. If the reader knows who Sir Francis Drake is

