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Born in Spain in 1460, Juan Ponce de Len led a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective expedition to discover the mythical fountain of youth, instead finding the southeast coast of what would become the United States. He gave Florida its name and went on to become the first governor of Puerto Rico. Born into a noble family, Juan Ponce de Len became a soldier, fighting in a notable campaign against the Moors in Granada. By various accounts, he began his exploration career as part of Christopher Columbus' second expedition to the New \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun (1493), after the war with the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural ended.

Years later, after suppressing an Indian uprising in \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun (comprising modern-day Haiti and the Dominican Republic), Ponce de Len was named the provincial governor of the eastern part of the country.

Hearing persistent reports of gold to be found on nearby \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural Rico, in 1508 Ponce de Len was officially sent by the Spanish crown to explore the island (there are account of him unofficially exploring it up to two years earlier on his own). He took 50 soldiers with him on a single ship and explored the island, settling near

what is now San Juan. A year later, he returned to Hispaniola, having found much gold but running short on supplies, and was named governor of Puerto Rico. The expedition was seen as a great success, and Ponce de Len was instructed to continue the settlement of the island and step up his gold-mining efforts. So he returned to

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun Rico, this time bringing his wife and children along. The Spanish crown soon encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun to continue searching for new lands, in hopes of finding yet more gold and expanding the Spanish empire. Also around this time, he learned of a Caribbean island called Bimini, on which there were rumored to be miraculous waters that could rejuvenate those who drank from them

(the fountain of youth).is interest piqued, in 1513 Ponce de Len led a private expedition to Bimini from

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ Rico. In a month's time, he and his men landed on the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

He did not initially realize that he was on the mainland of North America and instead thought he had landed on

another island. He named the region \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ because he discovered it at Easter time (Spanish: Pascua

Florida) and because its vegetation was lush and floral.