

SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 3
UNIT 5: TECHNOLOGY
MOVIE

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Writing

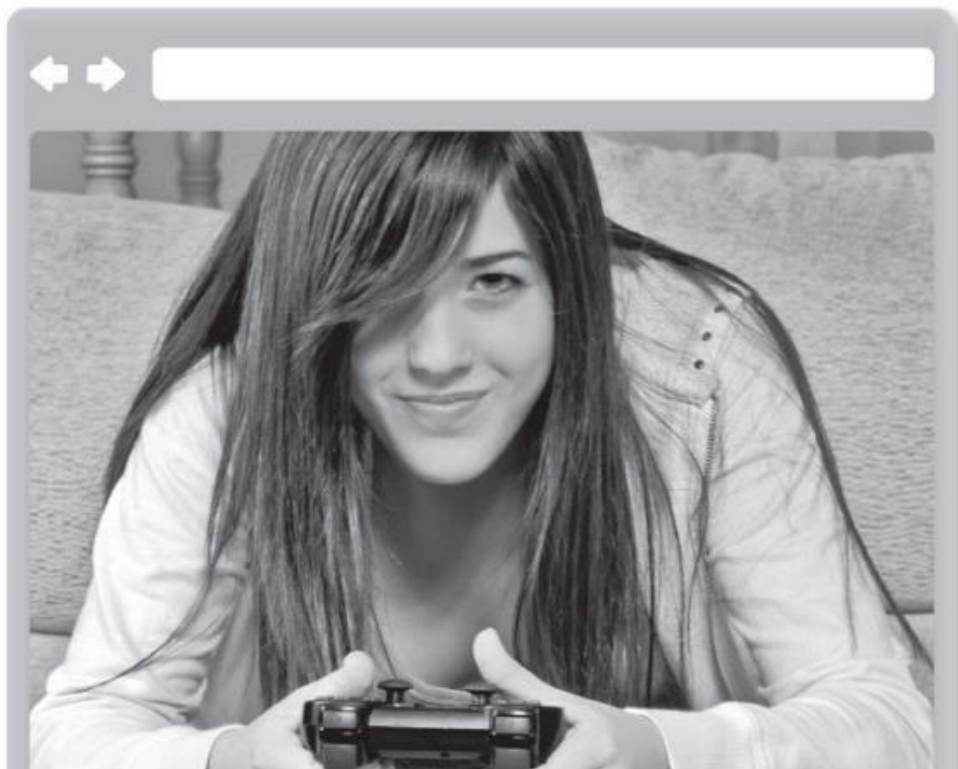
An internet forum post

I can write an internet forum post about a new gadget.

Preparation

- 1 Circle the correct words to complete the concession clauses.
 - 1 The image isn't very clear **in spite of** / **even though** the size of the screen.
 - 2 **Despite** / **Although** I don't like video games, I bought the games console anyway.
 - 3 It was quite expensive **even though** / **despite** it was in the sale.
 - 4 I don't agree, **in spite of** / **although** it's obviously not a good idea to play for more than a few hours at a time.

2 Complete the internet forum post with three of the sentences in exercise 1.



I bought a new games console last week from a website.

1

It's a handheld console with a large screen and controls for your thumbs on each end. Fifty games are built into the console, and you can download more from the internet.

Overall, I'm very happy with it. The games are certainly fun.

I have one criticism: 2

Some people think that teenagers should spend less time playing computer games because it's bad for their health.

3

Writing Strategy

Each point in the task will ask you to do a different thing, such as *describe, recommend, relate, express an opinion, suggest*, etc. Read the task carefully and make sure that you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

- 3 Read the Writing Strategy. Then read the points a–f below. Number four points in the order they appear in the text in exercise 2. There are two extra points.

The writer:

- a compares it with another console.
- b presents the opinions of people who think teenagers spend too much time playing video games.
- c gives her opinion of the games console.
- d describes some of its features.
- e says when and where she bought the games console.
- f asks other forum contributors to react to her forum post.

Writing Guide

You recently bought a new phone. Write a forum post in which you:

- describe to other forum contributors what you use it for.
- compare it with another phone which you have used.
- present the opinions of people who think that mobile phones should be banned in school.
- ask other forum contributors to react to your forum post.

- 4 Read the task above. Underline the verb in each point that describes what you should do. The first one is already underlined.

- 5 Make notes for each of the four points in the task.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

- 6 Write your forum post using your notes.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- covered all four points?
- used one or two concession clauses?
- checked your spelling and grammar?



COLUMBUS
VOLKSGLOBUS
BEARBEITET VON CLITNER
COLUMBUS-VERLAG GMBH
BERLIN-LICHTERFELD

O

ZEAN



**WHAT COUNTRY
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO VISIT? WHY?**



CANADA





GERMANY





JAPAN





AUSTRALIA





SOUTH KOREA





NEW ZEALAND





UK





EGYPT





NORWAY





USA



- What country would you like to live in and why?
- What country would you like to work in?
- What country has the most interesting customs?
- Would you like to live where there is always snow?
- Would you like to live where there is desert and hot weather?
- What countries would you not like to visit and why?
- What country in Asia would be a great place to live?
- Is your country the best place for you to live?
- What is special about your country?
- Would you like to go and live in another country?



**WHICH IS YOUR
FAVOURITE CITY
IN THE WORLD?**

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Washington, D.C.

Before you watch

- 1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
 - 1 What is the capital of your country?
 - 2 What do you know about its history?
 - 3 Would you like to live there? Why? / Why not?



TEHRAN





**HOW OLD IS
TEHRAN?**





Archaeological remains from the ancient city of Ray suggest that settlement in Tehran dates back over 8,000 years.





Mount Damavand, the highest peak of Iran, which is located near Tehran, is an important location in Ferdowsi's Šāhnāme.

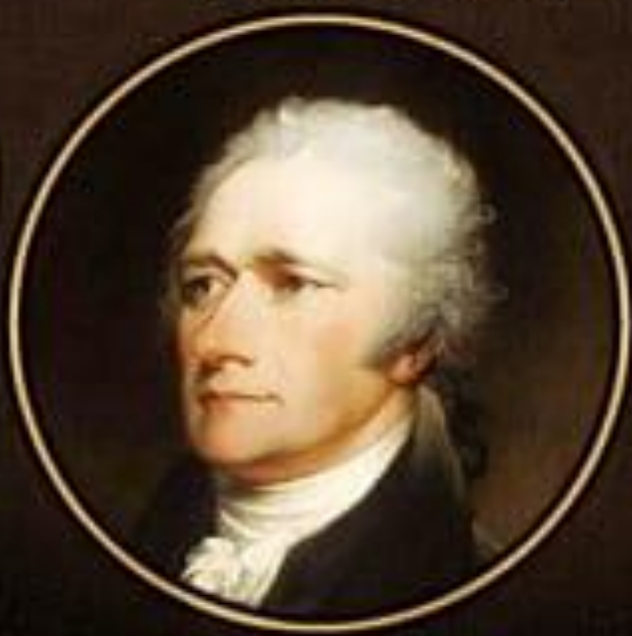


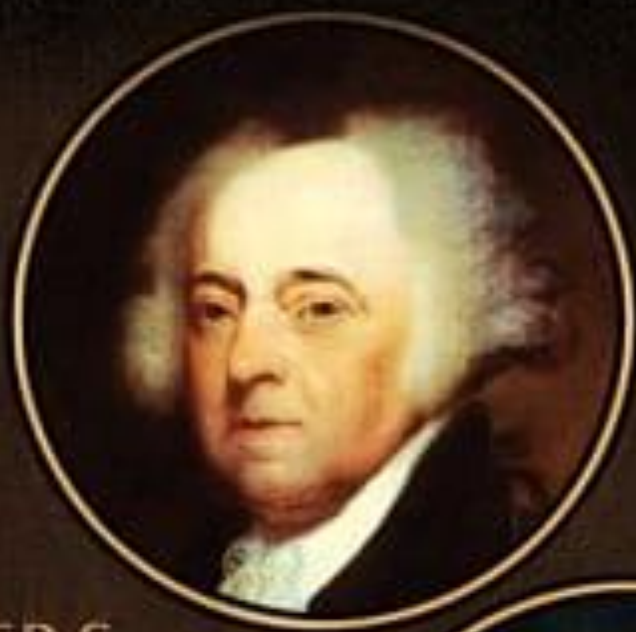
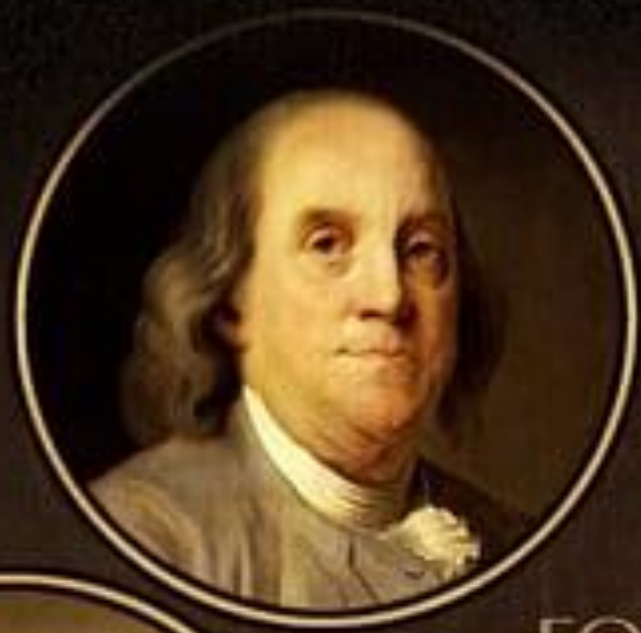


Eventually, Qajar
king Agha
Mohammad Khan
chose Tehran as the
capital of Iran in
1786.



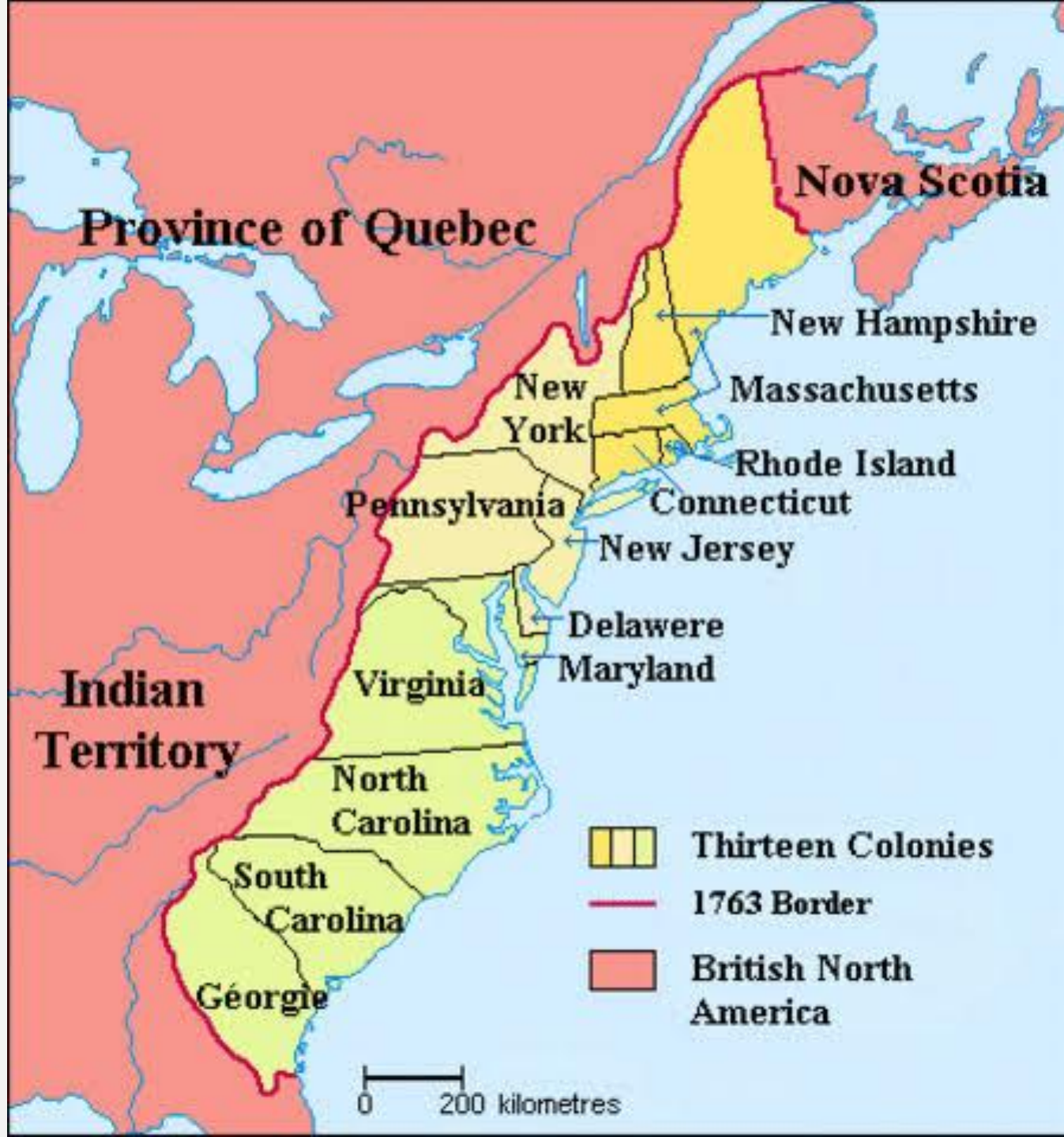
**WHAT DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE HISTORY
OF AMERICA?**

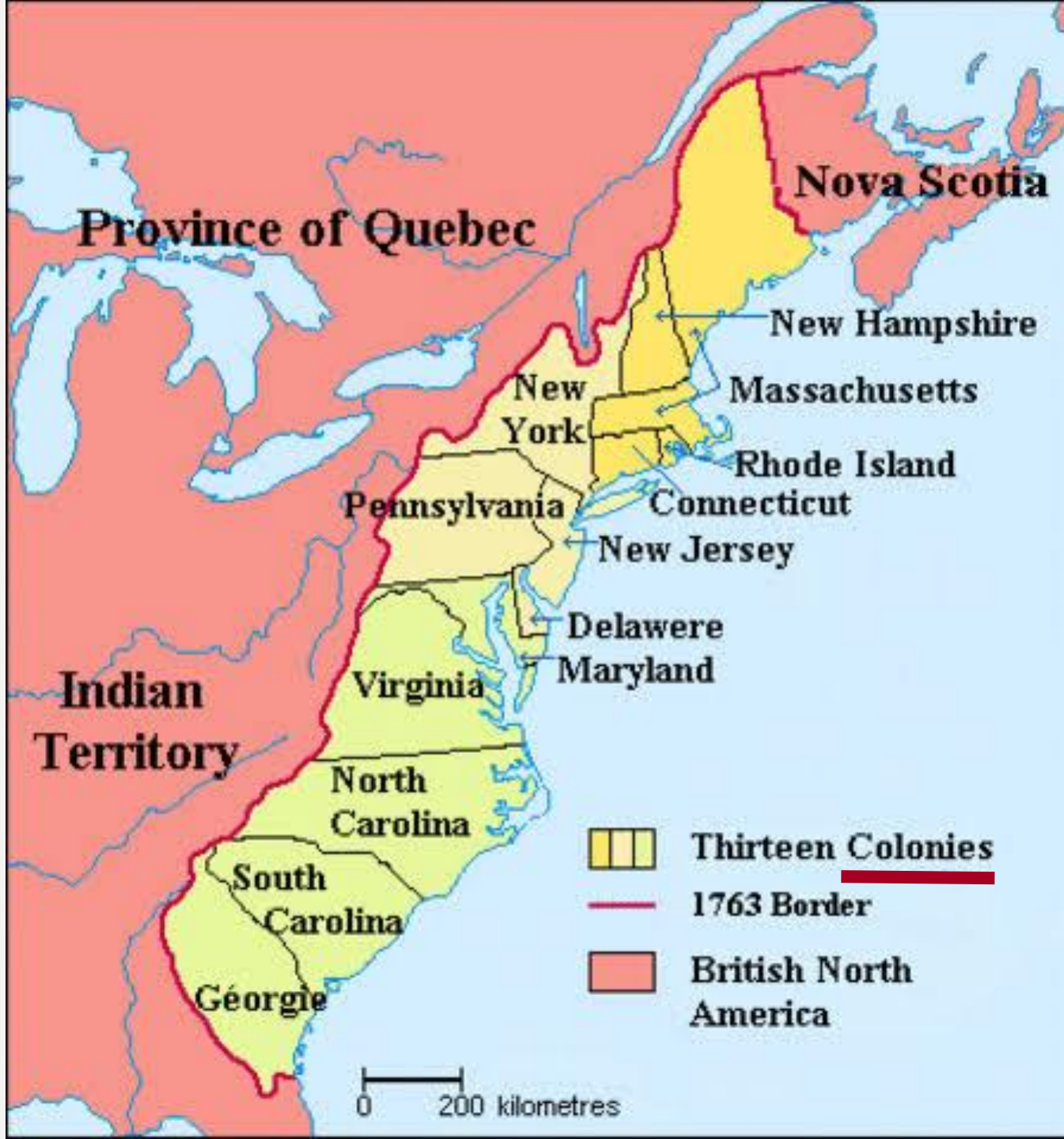




FOUNDING FATHERS








COLONY: A COUNTRY OR AREA UNDER THE FULL OR PARTIAL POLITICAL CONTROL OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AND OCCUPIED BY SETTLERS FROM THAT COUNTRY.






SLAVERY: CONDITION IN WHICH ONE HUMAN BEING WAS OWNED BY ANOTHER.


Comprehension check

2  Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How many North American colonies did the British rule before the USA was created?
a three b eight c thirteen
- 2 What was George Washington doing during the War of Independence?
a He was the president.
b He was in the army.
c He was building the new capital city.
- 3 Where has Congress been meeting since 1800?
a in the Capitol Building b in the White House c in Philadelphia

3  **Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?**

- 1 There is an American flag in the top left corner of the classroom. **true / false**
- 2 Washington, D.C. is located in the west of the USA. **true / false**
- 3 There is a fountain in the front garden of the White House. **true / false**
- 4 The Capitol building is brown. **true / false**
- 5 The Lincoln Memorial is in a large white building. **true / false**
- 6 The Washington Monument is by a lake. **true / false**

4  Watch again. Match the events (a–f) with the years (1–6).

1 1776

a People start to build the new capital city.

2 1791

b President Roosevelt officially calls the President's House the White House.

3 1800

c The USA is created.

4 1860

d President John Adams first moves into the President's House.

5 1902

e The Lincoln Memorial opens.

6 1920

f Abraham Lincoln is elected president.

Round up

5 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to visit Washington, D.C.? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 **RECYCLE** Choose the correct prepositions.

- 1 I've always been very curious **about** / **of** / **in** artificial intelligence.
- 2 The government is responsible **for** / **with** / **in** making laws.
- 3 The teacher hadn't made us aware **with** / **about** / **of** the exam until the day before.
- 4 Everyone complained because they were unhappy **for** / **in** / **with** the decision that was made.
- 5 Our company has been successful **with** / **in** / **to** the IT business for the last ten years.

7 Complete the sentences with the words below.

colonies independence settlements slavery territory

- 1 Lithuania gained its _____ from the Soviet Union in 1991.
- 2 The two neighbouring countries fought a war over the disputed _____.
- 3 India, Australia and New Zealand were once British _____, but now they are all independent countries.
- 4 There had been a number of smaller _____ here before they built the city.
- 5 _____ has been illegal in Britain since 1833.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Find a photograph that shows an important moment in your country's recent history. Find out what happened. Include the following:

- when it was taken
- a description of the photo and the people in it
- what had happened before and what happened afterwards
- why the photo is important

9 Present your findings and the photo to the class. Use the key phrases for describing photos and expressing opinions.

Describing photos

It looks to me as if ...

They look like they're ...

They don't look very ...

Expressing opinions

It seems to me that ...

In my opinion / view, ...

For me, the important thing is ...



**ASSIGNMENT:
VRTC**

DEADLINE: THURSDAY