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Florida's Journey Through Time: A Glimpse into its Storied Past

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Native American tribes like the Calusa, Timucua, and Apalachee made significant contributions to Florida's history and culture. The Calusa were known for their intricate shell mounds and seafaring skills, the Timucua had a complex social structure, and the Apalachee were skilled farmers. Their customs, such as pottery making and storytelling, enriched Florida's heritage.
2. The Treaty of Paris in 1783 marked the transition of Florida from British to Spanish control. It led to the return of Florida to Spanish rule and influenced the state's demographics, culture, and trade relationships. Spanish influence continued until Florida became a U.S. territory in 1821.
3. (Answer may vary) One personal encounter with Florida's history was visiting St. Augustine and exploring the Castillo de San Marcos. The historical significance of the fort and its role in defending the city left me with a deeper appreciation for Florida's colonial history and the challenges faced by early settlers.
4. Florida's role in the 2000 presidential election was highly significant, as it played a pivotal role in determining the outcome of the election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. The contested results and the Supreme Court's decision had a lasting impact on the state's reputation in national politics and electoral procedures.

