

# WORDS TO KNOW

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**Juan Ponce de León was born in 1474 in Spain. Historians believe that Ponce de León was born into Spanish nobility. Ponce de León is known for being an explorer and conquistador. A conquistador is a word used to describe Spanish soldiers, conquerors and explorers of the New World.**



**Ponce de León is known for being an explorer and conquistador.**

**TRUE**

**FALSE**

The image shows a page from a medieval manuscript. At the top, there is a line of text in a Gothic script: "E. se foy o Rey de Graada llama con la cavalleria." Below this text is a miniature illustration. The top part of the miniature shows several spears and a red banner with a gold emblem. To the right, there are three golden trumpets. The bottom part of the miniature shows a line of soldiers on horseback, wearing armor and carrying shields. The entire page is framed by a decorative border with a repeating pattern of colorful squares and circles. In the corners, there are small heraldic shields: a lion in the top right and bottom left, and a gold shield in the top left and bottom right.

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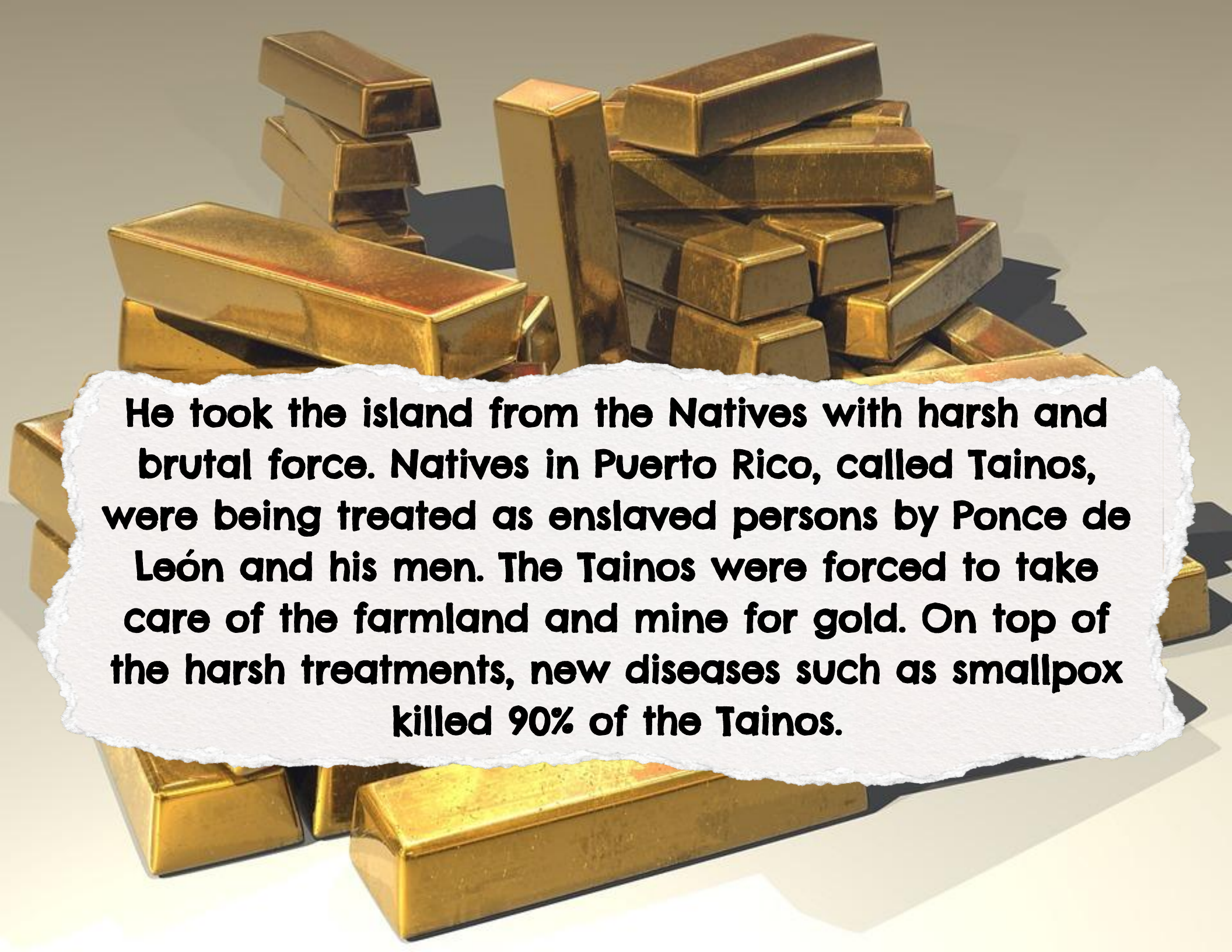
**As a young boy, Juan Ponce de León worked as a squire for a knight. He helped take care of the knight's horses and armor in the Royal Court of Aragon. The knight taught Juan how to fight while riding a horse. He practiced his skill in battles. Juan became a soldier, fighting against the Moors in Granada. He was a soldier for the Spanish military until 1493.**

**Juan became a soldier, fighting against  
the Moors in \_\_\_\_.**

**A. Greenland**

**B. Granada**

**C. Greece**



**He took the island from the Natives with harsh and brutal force. Natives in Puerto Rico, called Tainos, were being treated as enslaved persons by Ponce de León and his men. The Tainos were forced to take care of the farmland and mine for gold. On top of the harsh treatments, new diseases such as smallpox killed 90% of the Tainos.**

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