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Who conquered Puerto Rico?

Juan Ponce de Leon was a Spanish military commander. As a commander, he conquered Puerto Rico. He went on to discover the lands of Florida while searching for the Fountain of Youth.

Juan Ponce de Leon was born in Spain. As a youth, Ponce de Leon was educated by a soldier in Seville. When he grew up, he spent ten years in the army. He fought in the conquest of the Kingdom of Granada.

Juan Ponce de Leon then traveled to America with Christopher Columbus. After the conquest of Puerto Rico, he became governor. Juan Ponce de Leon traveled throughout the Americas, including Cuba, Puerto Rico, United States, the Caribbean, and other new lands.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Juan Ponce de Leon born?
    a. Puerto Rico
    b. Cuba
    c. Spain
    d. Caribe

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2. What did Juan Ponce de Leon discover?
    a. Florida
    b. Virginia
    c. New York
    d. Cancun

3. Juan Ponce de Leon fought in _____.
    a. the conquest of the Kingdom of Granada
    b. the conquest of Peru
    c. the battle of Normandy
    d. the battle of Lepanto

4. To which places did Juan Ponce de Leon travel?
    a. Puerto Rico
    b. the United States
    c. Cuba
    d. All of the above