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Hernando de Soto Explores Florida

Answer the following questions after discussing the article in class. You may reread parts of the article as you answer.

1. Explain how Hernando de Soto treated the Native Americans he encountered on his expedition. Use details and information from the article to support your answer.

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2. Where did de Soto and his men go after crossing the Aucilla River?

   (A) west to Napituca
   (B) west to Anhaica
   (C) east to Uzita
   (D) east to Aquacaliyquen

3. How did the army manage to cross the Withlacoochee River?

   (F) They used horses to carry them across the river.
   (G) They constructed a bridge over the river.
   (H) The army went around the river because it was too deep.
   (I) The army stretched a rope from one side to the other.

4. Read this sentence.

   The expedition set sail for Florida on the 18th of May 1539, with five large vessels and four smaller ones.

   What does the word *vessels* mean?

   (A) barrels
   (B) ships
   (C) canals
   (D) supplies