Ponce de León: Florida’s First Spanish Explorer

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

1. Explain how Ponce de León discovered Florida. Use details and information from the article to support your answer.

   Read this sentence from the article. Since he had discovered this country of lavish landscape and beautiful beaches, he was entitled to name it. What does the word *lavish* mean?
   - A abundant
   - B sparse
   - C tidy
   - D bare

2. According to the article, Ponce de León left Puerto Rico in order to
   - F return to Hispaniola.
   - G return to Spain.
   - H search for new lands and treasures.
   - I search for the Calusa Indians.

3. The author describes the Calusa Indians as
   - A friendly
   - B hostile
   - C mythical
   - D gentle