

Article Dictation: Key

Instructions to the teacher: Read this slowly for students to listen for articles. They should write in articles they hear.

Araribóia was the founder of the city of Niterói, in Brazil. His name means "ferocious snake". He was the leader of the Temiminó tribe, who lived in the territory of the state of Espírito Santo. Under his leadership, the tribe assisted the Portuguese in their war with France for control of the Guanabara Bay. After their victory, Araribóia stayed in Rio de Janeiro until 1573, when his tribe officially received the lands across the Guanabara Bay. Araribóia received many honors and money for helping the Portuguese. In 1568, he was given the name Martim Afonso, to honor the Portuguese explorer Martim Afonso de Sousa. Araribóia died in 1587.

Note to the teacher: Article use is variable, so if you use this activity without the dictation, it is possible that students will use articles differently than shown here. You will need to help students understand why different options might be correct.

Pronunciation key for the teacher:

Araribóia - a-rah-ree-boy-a
Niterói - Nee-tay-roy
Temiminó – Tay-me-me-no

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As your teacher reads this passage, write in an article (a/an or the) when you hear one. Leave it blank if you don't hear an article.

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