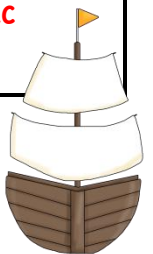


Explorers Study Sheet

| Explorer | Date of Exploration | Sponsoring Country | Reason for Exploration | Obstacles | Major Accomplishments |
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| Christopher Columbus | 1492-1504 | Spain | Hoping to find a new route to Asia to trade spices | *no maps *frightened crew *shipwreck on 1 st voyage | *Reached what is today San Salvador *thought he was in India (Indies) so he called the local people Indians *traveled to the islands of Hispaniola (now Haiti and Dominican Republic), Cuba and other smaller islands (Central and South America) |
| John Cabot | 1497-1498 | England | Searching for a Northwest Passage across North America to Asia (an all water route) | *no maps | *explored many Canadian islands and capes *expeditions were the 1 st of Britain's to claim Canada *one of his three sons, Sebastian, also went with Cabot on one of his voyages |
| Vasco Nunez de Balboa | 1500-1513 | Spain | *looking for new land for Spanish settlers to claim *searching for a quick route to the Pacific Ocean | *treated the Native Americans very badly | *sailed to present-day Panama in Central America *crossed the mountains and jungles of Panama and became the 1 st European to reach the eastern part of the Pacific Ocean |



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| Juan Ponce de Leon | 1513-1521 | Spain | Searching for the legendary fountain of youth and other riches like gold | *treated the Native Americans very badly | *first European to set foot in Florida *established the oldest European settlement in Puerto Rico *discovered the Gulf Stream (a current in the Atlantic Ocean) *sailed with Columbus on his 2 nd voyage *stayed in Dominican Republic |
| Jacques Cartier | 1534-1541 | French | looking for a route to the Pacific through North America (a Northwest Passage) | *crew caught many diseases | *paved the way for French exploration of North America *sailed over 1,000 miles along the St. Lawrence River *named Canada |
| Henry Hudson | 1607-1611 | England | England sent him to find a Northwest Passage | *mutinied in the cold climate *He was left with his sons and 7 others adrift in the Hudson Bay | *explored parts of the Arctic Ocean and Northeastern North America (New York) *The Hudson River, Hudson Strait, and Hudson Bay are named for him |

