

European Explorers Study Guide

The European explorers were in search of the 3 G's: gold, God, and glory.

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Explorer	Dates	Sponsor	Purpose	Obstacles	Achievements	Nationality/ Fun Fact
John Cabot	1497-1498	England	Wanted to find a Northwest Passage to Asia	NO MAPS	Traveled to the coast of Canada and claimed Canada for England. Fish was plentiful, other Europeans went there to set up fishing companies	Italian *One of his three sons joined him on his journey
Vasco Nunez Balboa	1513	Spain Spanish conquistador	Find New land & an overland route to Pacific Ocean	Battled with Native Americans	Sailed to present-day Panama in Central America, crossed mountains and jungles of Panama and 1 st to reach the Pacific Ocean	Spain *Once settled in South America, Balboa married the daughter of local Native American Chief
Juan Ponce de Leon	1513	Spain Spanish conquistador	Gold & The Fountain of Youth, claim land for Spain	Problems with Native Americans	First European to reach Florida	Spanish *Named Florida after the Spanish word for "full of flowers" and sailed with Columbus
Christopher Columbus	1492	Spain- King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella	a new water route to Asia & Gold	No maps, & Frightened crew	Made 3 voyages, settled in Central and South America	Italian
Henry Hudson	1607-1610	England	Looking for the NW Passage to Asia	Crew mutinied in the cold weather	Discovered the Hudson River- present day New York and the Hudson Bay around 1610	England *His crew kicked him off his boat, and he was never heard from again
Jacques Cartier	1534-1542	France	Wanted to find a water route to Asia	Tried to settle Canada but couldn't last the winter – starvation and sailors caught diseases.	Traveled over 1,000 miles on the St. Lawrence River Laid the foundation for the French fur trade	France *Named the area "Kanata," the Iroquois word for village; tried to create a settlement, but it didn't last the winter.