Explorers Study Guide

Vocabulary

Explorer: A person who travels to unknown places.

Native: A person who was born in the country in which he/she currently lives.

Sponsor: A person or country who pays for a project or activity in exchange for new information, land, or valuables.

Vessel: A ship or large boat.

Settlement: A place where a group of people live.

Voyage: A trip by water or through space.

New World: The name used for North and South America by explorers.

Colony: Land settled and ruled by people from another country.

Explorer Facts

Columbus: Sponsored by the King and Queen of Spain in 1492. Ships were the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. Took 4 voyages.

Cabot: Sponsored by the King of England in 1497. Sailed with his son Sebastian. Took 2 voyages and disappeared.

Hudson: Sponsored by the King of England in 1607. Searching for Northwest Passage. Took 3 voyages and his crew set him afloat and he was never seen again.

Ponce de Leon: Sponsored by the King of Spain. Sailed with Columbus in 1493. Looking for “fountain of youth”. Took two voyages and dies from arrow wound.

Cartier: Sponsored by the King of France in 1534. Looking for shorter route to Asia. Discovered St. Lawrence River. Took two voyages.

Balboa: Sponsored by King of Spain in 1501. First European settlement in South America. Married Native American princess. First European to see Pacific Ocean.