

Leif Erikson    Marco Polo

Prince Henry    Christopher  
Columbus

- AD 1271-1295 left from Venice to go to China
- Trip took 4 years
- Served Kublai Khan for 20 years
- Brought back spices of cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, ginger, pepper, saffron, poppy, and incense
- Wrote book on his explorations that generated excitement in others to develop trade with China and India
- 1st European who traveled the length of Asia

- Spanish explorer whose name meant Christ-bearer
- Studied in Portugal by students of Prince Henry
- Believed the world was round and thus India could be reached by sailing across the Atlantic.
- Named the island he landed at San Salvador—Saint Savior and the people Indians because he thought he found India.
- Three ships Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria
- Sailed in 1492

- AD 1000 - First European to discover the New World
- Called the New World Vineland due to the grapes that grew there
- Was a Norseman - a Viking
- Son of Erik the Red who was outlawed from his native land - discovered Iceland and Greenland
- Left the New World because of Indians

- Wanted to find a way from Portugal to China- Isthmus of Suez blocked the way.
- Developed a school for sailors- taught how to make maps & charts, read stars, how to use a compass and an astrolabe.
- Designed a caravel that made sailing long journeys much easier.
- Helped to make Portugal number one in exploration

John Cabot

Amerigo  
Vespucci

Vasco  
de Balboa

Ponce  
de Leon

- AD 1492 sailed from Italy to the New World.
- Unlike Columbus, he realized that this was a New World and not India
- Due to his claims that a New World was found, a mapmaker named the new country America in his honor and the name caught on.

- A Conquistador who was looking for the Fountain of Youth in 1513
- He was governor of Puerto Rico
- First Spanish landing on the mainland of North America
- Name the area Florida which means Flowers due to all the flowers he found growing there.

- In 1497 he sailed from England to explore North America.
- Explored the North American Atlantic Coast.
- First modern European explorer to set foot on the mainland of North America.

- In 1513, he left Spain to explore the Isthmus of Panama and to find a fast route from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.
- The world now realized that a vast ocean lay between the New World and Asia.

Ferdinand  
Magellan

Bartholomew  
Diaz

Vasco  
de Gama

Hernando  
Cortez

- AD 1488, sailed around tip of Africa, Cape of Good Hope, and Africa
- Explored from Portugal

- 1519-1522, left from Spain to travel around the world
- Died after being attacked by natives in the Philippines - Stood off the
- Indians until his men at reached safety before giving up his life.
- Portugal sailor
- Only 1 of 5 of his ships made it back safely.
- Proved the world was round.

- In 1519, a conquistador for Spain
- Explored Mexico
- Conquered the Aztecs who whom worshipped the sun with the help of neighboring Indian tribes.
- Aztecs were led by Montezuma.

- Sailed all the way around Africa to India.
- He opened an all water route to the East.

Francisco  
Pizarro

Jacques  
Cartier

Robert  
de La Salle

Hernando  
de Soto

- 1534 from France
- Discovered the St. Lawrence River in Montreal in Canada

- 1531 explored Peru in South America for Spain.
- Conquistador searching for gold
- Discovered the Incas, stole their gold and their silver, and then enslaved them, forcing them to work the gold and silver mines on their behalf.

- 1539-1542, discovered the Mississippi River
- Explored southern North America—Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Tennessee.
- Conquistador that was searching for the seven cities of gold he had heard about in Indian tales. He never found any.
- Died of a fever on his way back to the Mississippi River.

- Sailed down the Illinois River to the Mississippi River and all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Claimed the entire Mississippi Valley for France and named it Louisiana in honor of King Louis XIV in 1687

Sir Francis Drake      Sir Walter Raleigh

Jacques Marquette & Louis Joliet      Samuel de Champlain

- His first expedition to set up a new settlement in the New World was abandoned.
- His 2nd expedition was led by John White to Roanoke, Virginia.
- The community was lost and is still a mystery today as to what happened to them.
- In 1577, he explored California on behalf of England.
- He was considered to be a sea dog - a pirate for England that attacked Spanish ships from the New World and brought their cargo of gold and silver to England
- First Englishmen to sail around the world in 1577
- Queen Elizabeth knighted him on the deck of his ship, the *Golden Hind*
- He established the first permanent French settlement in Quebec, Canada.
- He was called the "Father of New France."
- Led the expedition which explored the central Mississippi River for France.

# Francisco Coronado

- In 1540, he marched from Mexico to search for the Seven Cities of Cibola
- Discovered the Grand Canyon
- Discovered the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico area.
- Explored the Southwest.