

European Explorers

Internet Scavenger Hunt WebQuest

Students will use an interactive website to research Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, Henry Hudson, Jacques Cartier, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, and Juan Ponce de Leon.

They will be discovering why each explorer went exploring, the obstacles they faced, and their accomplishments.

Jersey Girl
Gone South

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Directions: Click on the research links next to each explorer's name to find the answers to each question. Answer in complete sentences.

John Cabot

http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/john_cabot/

1. After the Columbus discovery of the West Indies, Cabot began formulating a plan to reach " _____ " by sailing west at a more northerly latitude, where the voyage from Europe would be _____.
2. Cabot probably first set sail in _____, though this first voyage proved _____ and Cabot turned back to _____.
3. Cabot continued to explore the maritime region of _____ and thought he found part of _____, but never found the famed _____.

Vasco Nunez de Balboa

<http://exploration.marinersmuseum.org/subject/vasco-de-balboa/>

4. Vasco de Balboa, or Vasco Nuñez de Balboa, was born in _____ in _____.
5. Vasco de Balboa is credited as being the first _____ to set eyes on the _____ Ocean from the New World.
6. Balboa's expedition to the Pacific changed the world for Spain. Spain now knew that there was indeed ocean to sail to the east away from the _____. Ultimately,

_____ and his crew would be the first to sail the ocean entirely.

Juan Ponce de Leon

<http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/deleon/>

7. De Leon's misfortunes as governor did not stop him from sailing the seas looking for _____ and the _____.

8. De Leon hoped to find the Fountain of Youth, a mythical spring that was said to make anyone who drank its water _____ forever. After making several stops in the Caribbean islands, de Leon and his men reached what landmark?

9. De Leon did not return to the New World until _____ when he once again tried to find the island of _____. Instead, de Leon and his men landed on the gulf coast of _____, where they were met by hostile Indians who shot his men with _____.

Christopher Columbus

http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/christopher_columbus.php

10. Where was Christopher Columbus born?

11. Columbus thought he could sail straight to _____ by crossing the _____.

12. Columbus set sail on August 12, _____ with three ships named the Nina, the _____, and the _____.

Henry Hudson

http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/henry_hudson.php

13. Henry Hudson wanted to find a _____
_____ to India. He thought that, since the sun shined most of the summer on the _____, the ice there would melt in the summer.

14. What year did Henry Hudson set sail on his first expedition?

15. His boat was called the _____ and his crew included his sixteen year-old son John.

Jacques Cartier

http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/jacques_cartier/

16. In 1534, Cartier was commissioned by the _____ of France to find the fabled Northwest Passage through the continent of _____ to Asia (the Indies).

17. In 1535, Cartier and 112 men (including the two kidnapped natives) left _____ for their return trip and sailed up the _____ to the Iroquoian capital of _____.

18. In 1540, Cartier returned to the _____ as _____ of a colonization project.



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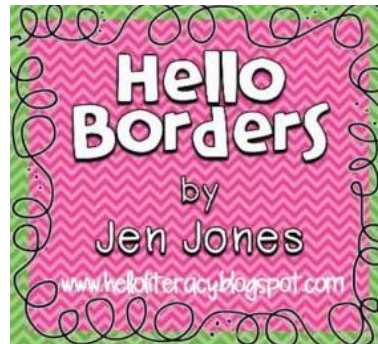


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