

Maps

Know these explorers and their paths of exploration.

Leif Erikson
Marco Polo
Prince Henry the Navigator
Bartholomew Diaz

Christopher Columbus
Vasco da Gama
Vasco Núñez de Balboa
Ferdinand Magellan

Be able to mark these places on a map.

Greenland
China
Cape of Good Hope
West Indies

India
Mexico
Peru
Guatemala

People and Terms

Vikings – people group from Norway; some sailed to North America about AD 1000

Leif Erikson – one of the Vikings who sailed from Greenland to North America about AD 1000

Marco Polo – European explorer who traveled to China along the Silk Road and visited Kublai Khan in the late 1200s

Prince Henry the Navigator – European whose ships explored the West African coast

Bartholomew Diaz – European explorer who rounded the Cape of Good Hope

Christopher Columbus – European explorer for Ferdinand and Isabella; he discovered the West Indies in 1492 when sailing with his ships, the *Niña*, *Pinta*, and *Santa Maria*

West Indies – islands in the Caribbean, between North and South America

Vasco da Gama – European explorer of East Africa and India

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Amerigo Vespucci – European explorer; New World named for him

Vasco Núñez de Balboa – European explorer who discovered the Pacific Ocean

Ferdinand Magellan – European explorer whose ships sailed around the earth

Hernando Cortés – Spanish conquistador who defeated the Aztecs of Mexico

Francisco Pizarro – Spanish conquistador who defeated the Incas in Peru

Machu Picchu – famous city of Incas in Peru

Tikal – famous city of Mayas in Guatemala

Roanoke – lost English settlement in Virginia founded by Sir Walter Raleigh

Reasons for European exploration in 1400s and 1500s:

Gold

Glory—for themselves and their country

God/spread of Christianity

Spices

Silks