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Explorer Review Guide

Vocabulary:

- **Navigation:** is planning and following a route.
- **Expedition:** a trip taken with the purpose of exploring.
- **Empire:** is lands ruled by a nation.
- **Reconquista:** is a movement to make all of Spain Catholic.
- **Technology:** are scientific tools.
- **Isthmus:** is a narrow strip of land that connects two pieces of land.
- **Treaty:** is an agreement between countries.
- **Conquistadors:** are Spanish explorers.
- **Reformation:** is a period of change. Martin Luther started the protestant reformation.
- **Missionaries:** are religious teachers.
- **Northwest Passage:** many people thought Asia could be reached by sailing through or around North America.
- **Mutiny:** rebel against something or someone.
- **Compass:** tells north, east, south, and west to sailors.

- **Astrolabe:** Used by sailors to find their latitude based on the height of the sun or the North Star.

New Technology

- Prince Henry of Portugal opened a school of navigation.
- Sailors learned how to sail the caravel. A caravel is a smaller, lighter, and faster ship.
- Improved the astrolabe and compass.
 - Sailors used an **Astrolabe** to find their latitude based on the height of the sun or the North Star.
 - A **Compass** told the direction of North, East, South, and West the sailors.

Christopher Columbus

- Columbus believed that he could reach Asia by sailing west across the ocean.
- King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella supported Columbus's expedition if he would convert the people to the Catholic religion.
- Columbus landed on San Salvador with his three ships, the Nina, the Piñta, and the Maria on October 12, 1492.
 - Meet the Taino tribe on San Salvador.

John Cabot

- Italian sailor who got paid to explore by King Henry VII of England.
- Cabot thought, just like Columbus, that he could reach Asia by sailing west but really Cabot reached Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Cabot wanted to claim land for England.

Amerigo Vespucci's

- Vespucci did not believe that Cabot and Columbus found Asia.
- Vespucci sailed to the coast of South America and realized that the land did not look like what Marco Polo describe for Asia in his book.
- **Martin Waldseemuller** made a map of the new land and named it America because of Vespucci.

Vasco Núñez de Balboa

- Was a Spanish explorer.

- **One of the first Europeans to settle** in America.
- Established a stelement in Panama.

Ferdinand Magellan

- Magellan wanted to find a western route to Asia.
- Was Portuguese.
- Sailed to the Pacific. Took three months to sail across the Pacific.
- Portuguese explorer.

Juan Ponce de León

- Juan was a conquistador.
- **First explorer to set foot on land that became the United States.**
- Sailed to Florida and battled with the Calusa tribe and Juan got wounded and later died.
- Helped conquer Puerto Rico.

Hernando Cortés

- Wanted to find gold in the land of the Aztec.
- **Defeated the Aztec** and made Mexico City on the Aztec capitail.
- Spanish Explorer.

Francisco Pizarro

- Took control of the Inca Empire.
- Spanish Explorer.

Hernando de Soto

- One of the first Americans to see the Mississippi River.
- Fought the Mobile Tribe in Alabama.

Martin Luther

- Wanted to **reform**, of change the Catholic church.
- People who did not agree with the Catholic church became know as protestants.

The Northwest Passage

- Explorers wanted to find a shorter, easier route to Asia.
- Wanted to sail through or around North America.
- Search for the Northwest passage began in the 1500s and lasted for hundreds of years.

Giovanni da Verrazano

- Italian explorer sent by the French King, Francis I, to find the Northwest Passage.
- First voyage landed on the coast of North Carolina.
- Searched the bays and water ways for a route to Asia but did not find one.

Henry Hudson

- Made four voyages in search of the Northwest Passage.
- Sailed through the Arctic Ocean but failed to find the Northwest Passage.
- Hudson's crew rebelled against him on his last voyage and put him and eight other sailors in a small boat. They were never seen again.

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