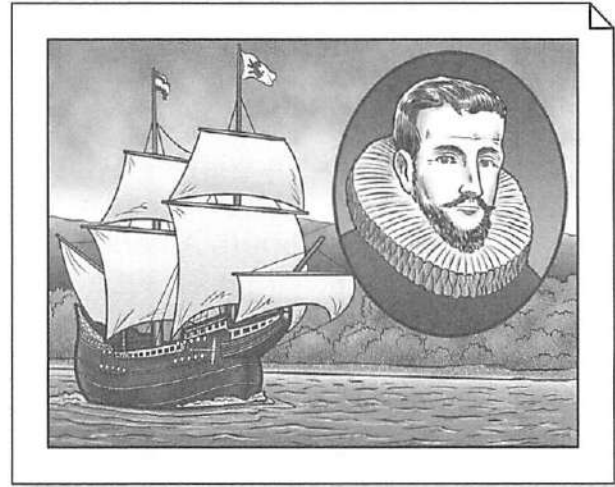


## HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

Europeans wanted to find a Northwest Passage, or a water route through the Americas. They needed this water route to get past the Americas to Asia. France sent explorers to look for this route, but nobody found it.

The Dutch and the British also wanted to find a Northwest Passage. In 1609, the Dutch hired Henry Hudson, a British explorer, to find a route to China. In his small ship called the *Half Moon*, Hudson sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to North America. Hudson found a river that would later be named after him. He sailed up the Hudson River to New York.



Hudson was disappointed because he did not find a Northwest Passage. He went back to Europe. In 1610, Hudson made another trip to North America. This time he was working for the British instead of the Dutch. In his ship *Discovery*, Hudson traveled to the northeastern coast of Canada. He sailed through the icy waters of the Hudson Strait. Hudson discovered a large body of clear water, which is now called Hudson Bay.

Hudson sailed around all summer looking for a Northwest Passage. When winter came, Hudson and his crew had to camp on the bay. The weather was freezing, and the group had only a small amount of food. When winter ended and the ship could sail again, Hudson wanted to keep exploring. The rest of the sailors were tired and hungry and wanted to go home.

Finally, the crew was angry enough to take over, or mutiny. They forced Hudson, his son, and a few sailors into a small boat. Then, the rest of the crew sailed away and tried to get back to England. Only a few of them made it. Henry Hudson was never heard from again.

Nobody ever found a Northwest Passage to Asia. However, Hudson and the other European explorers who searched for it discovered something more important. They found large areas of land where colonies could be built. Europeans were now more interested in the Americas than in trying to get around them. They thought this land might be more valuable to them than a passage to Asia.

European leaders began to think the Americas might be a good place to start colonies. The leaders could make their empires larger by settling colonies in the large, new area. Whoever controlled the Americas would become very powerful.

# HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

## Multiple Choice

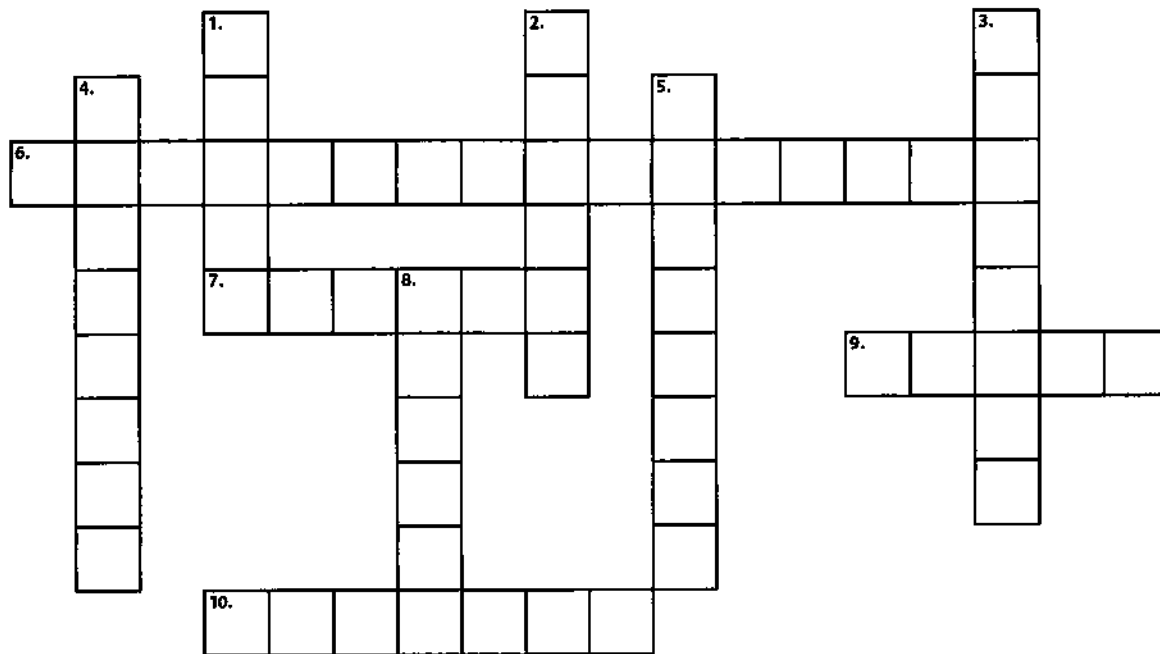
Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.

1. Europeans wanted to find a Northwest Passage to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. North America
  - B. South America
  - C. Africa
  - D. Asia
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ sent Henry Hudson to find a Northwest Passage.
- A. Dutch
  - B. British
  - C. both of the above
  - D. none of the above
3. Hudson discovered a large, clear body of water that is now called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Hudson River
  - B. Hudson Strait
  - C. Hudson Bay
  - D. Hudson Lake
4. Hudson's crew finally became angry and forced \_\_\_\_\_ into a small boat.
- A. Hudson
  - B. Hudson's son
  - C. a few sailors
  - D. all of the above
5. \_\_\_\_\_ found a Northwest Passage around the Americas.
- A. Nobody
  - B. French explorers
  - C. Hudson's crew
  - D. Hudson

# HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

## Crossword Puzzle

Write the best answer in each blank, and complete the crossword puzzle.



**ACROSS**

- 6. French explorers had already searched for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. After \_\_\_\_\_ was stranded, the rest of his crew tried to make it back to England.
- 9. Hudson sailed across the Atlantic to find a route to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. Hudson was hired by the \_\_\_\_\_ for his second trip.

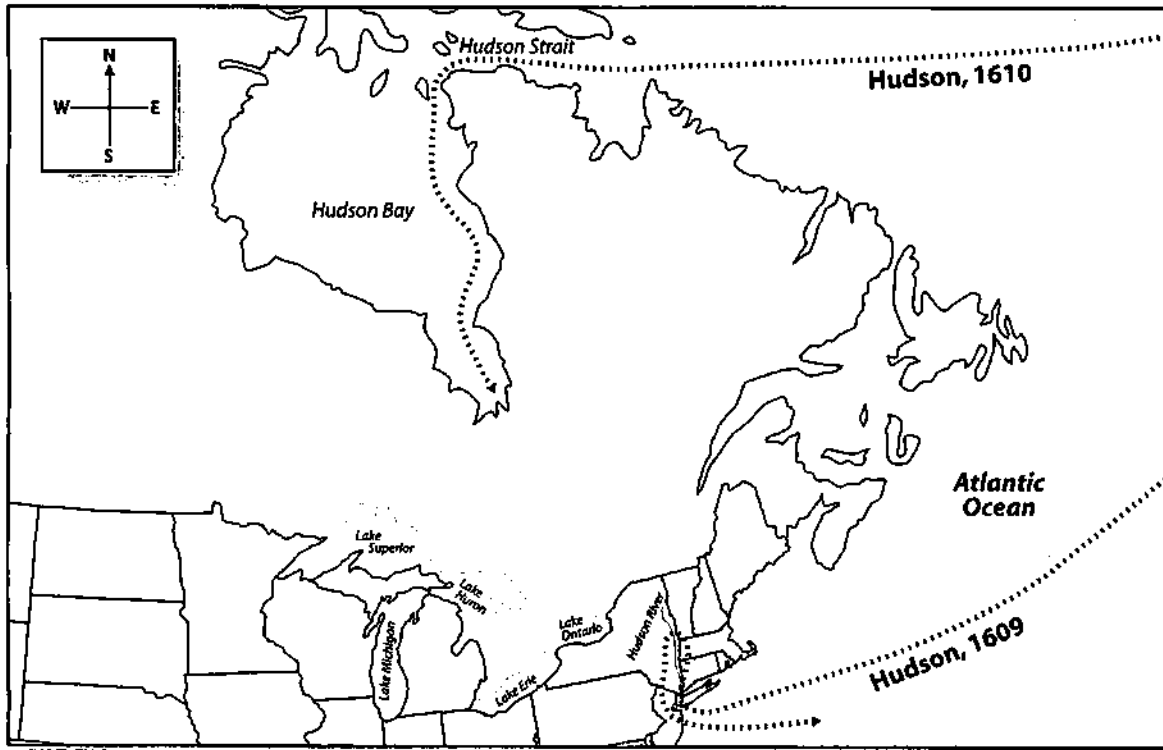
**DOWN**

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ hired Hudson for his first trip to North America.
- 2. On Hudson's second trip, his crew became angry enough to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Hudson's crew survived \_\_\_\_\_ weather and little food.
- 4. European leaders could make their empires larger by settling \_\_\_\_\_ in the Americas.
- 5. Hudson went up the Hudson River in a ship called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. Hudson sailed up the Hudson \_\_\_\_\_ to Hudson Bay.

# HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

## Map – Hudson's Travel Routes

Use the map to answer the following questions. Write the answers in complete sentences.



1. What three bodies of water were named after Henry Hudson?

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2. What ocean did Hudson sail across to get to North America?

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3. In which present-day state is the Hudson River located?

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# HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

## Extension Activities

Choose one of the following activities to complete. Write the answer in complete sentences.

1. Some sources say that Hudson's crew members who made it back to England were not punished for leaving Hudson. What punishment, if any, do you think the crew deserved for mutiny? Give reasons for your opinion.

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2. Jacques Cartier was a French explorer who searched for a Northwest Passage. What did he find instead? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.

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3. If you were an explorer who discovered a new river, what would you name it? Why?

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## QUIZ: HUDSON'S DISCOVERIES

### True/False

Decide if each statement is true or false, and write "true" or "false" in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The French eventually found a Northwest Passage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Hudson was hired by the Portuguese for his first trip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hudson's crew survived freezing weather and little food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. On Hudson's second trip, the crew became angry enough to mutiny.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Hudson was forced into a small boat with his son and a few sailors.

### Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.

6. Henry Hudson has a \_\_\_\_\_ named for him.
- A. river
  - B. strait
  - C. bay
  - D. all of the above
7. Hudson sailed across the Atlantic to find a route to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Japan
  - B. China
  - C. Indonesia
  - D. Thailand

### Short Answer

Answer the following question in complete sentences.

8. Why was the land in North America valuable to the leaders of European countries?

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