

# European Exploration In North America



# The Big Three

- Spain
- England
- France



# Reasons for Exploration

- Gold
  - Riches and wealth
- God
  - Desire to spread religion
- Glory
  - Fame from discovering a new land

# Obstacles

- Lack of supplies
- Different climates
- Lack of Food
  - Many men died of starvation
- Diseases
- The fear of the unknown

# Great Accomplishments

- **Discovery of New Lands!!**
  - This was the main accomplishment.
- Goods and ideas were exchanged by different peoples.
- Navigational tools were improved.
- New areas were mapped.
- Transportation was improved.

# Famous Explores

- Christopher Columbus: 1492
- John Cabot: 1497
- Juan Pone de Leon:1513
- Vasco Nunez Balboa: 1513
- Jacques Cartier: 1534
- Henry Hudson:1609-1610

# Christopher Columbus

## 1492

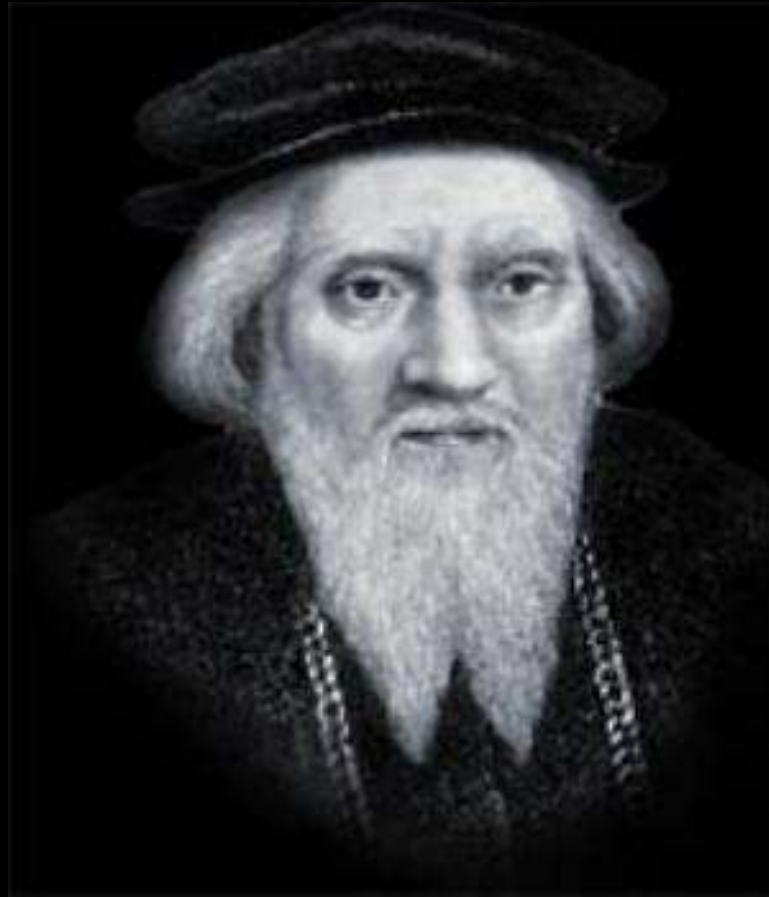


# Christopher Columbus

- Country
  - Spain
- Obstacles
  - No maps, frightened crew
- Purpose
  - Sail west to reach Asia
- Achievements
  - First European to reach the New World in 1492
- Interesting Fact
  - Sailors on Christopher Columbus' ships slept on the open deck at night.
  - They tied themselves down to keep from being thrown into the sea as the ship rolled in the waves!

# John Cabot

## 1497



# John Cabot

## 1497

- Country
  - England
- Obstacles
  - No maps
- Purpose
  - Wanted to reach Asia
- Achievements
  - Landing on the eastern coast of Canada, where fish were plentiful. Other Europeans went to set up fishing companies
- Interesting Fact
  - One of the his three sons, Sebastian also went on the trip

# Juan Ponce de Leon

## 1513



# Jaun Ponce de Leon

## 1513

- Country
  - Spain
- Obstacles
  - Fought with Native Americans
- Purpose
  - Find gold and a legendary “fountain of youth”
- Achievements
  - Discovered Florida and claimed it for Spain in 1553.
- Interesting Facts
  - Named Florida after the Spanish word flower.

# Vasco Nunez Balboa

## 1513



# Vasco Nunez Balboa

## 1513

- Country
  - Spain
- Obstacles
  - Fought with Native Americans
- Purpose
  - Looking for wealth and fame.
- Achievements
  - The first European to discover the Pacific Ocean in 1513
- Interesting Facts
  - Once settled in South America, Balboa married the daughter of the local Native American Chief

# Jacques Cartier

## 1534



# Jacques Cartier

## 1534

- Country
  - France
- Obstacles
  - Sailors caught diseases
- Purpose
  - Find a water route to Asia
  - Looking for Gold
- Achievements
  - Discovered the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River in Canada in 1534.
- Interesting Facts
  - He named the area “Kanata,” the Iroquois word for “village.” He tried to create a settlement, but it didn’t last the winter.

# Henry Hudson

## 1609



# Henry Hudson

## 1610

- Country
  - Holland
- Obstacles
  - Crew mutinied in the cold climate
- Purpose
  - He was trying to find a northern path to Europe Asia called the Northwest Passage.
- Achievements
  - Explored the Hudson River near present-day New York state and the Hudson Bay in 1609 and 1610.
  - He claimed the area for Holland.
- Interesting Facts
  - Hudson's crew kicked him off the boat, and he was never heard from again.

# Cooperation and Conflict

- When the European explores reached North America, they found people already living there.
- These were tribes of Native Americans.
- Contact between the Europeans and Native Americans sometimes led to cooperation and other times led to conflict.

# Cooperation and Conflict

- Here are examples of contact between Europeans and Native Americans:
  - French
    - Established trading post
    - Spread the Christian religion
  - English
    - Established settlements
    - Claimed ownership of land
    - Learned farming techniques from the Native Americans
    - Traded goods with the Native Americans
  - Spanish
    - Conquered and enslaved many Native Americans
    - Brought Christianity to the New World

# Examples of Cooperation and Conflict

- Cooperation:
  - Technologies  
(weapons and farm tools)
  - Trade
  - Crops
- Conflict
  - Claims to land
  - Competition for trade
  - Differences in culture
  - Differences in language

# French, English, or Spanish?

- The people living here are amazed by us. They ask about our weapons and our clothes. We have set up trading post where they bring hides from game they have killed. In return for the hides, which we send home to be made into coats and hats, we give them small trinkets such as beads. Our trading posts are quite profitable.

# French, English, or Spanish?

- They are just a bunch of savages living here in the wilderness. We can easily overpower them and make them into our slaves. They might even have hidden stores of gold we can take from them.. There are so many of these Indians living here that we have a constant supply of slaves to do the hard work for us.

# French, English, or Spanish?

- The land here is beautiful. We have plenty of water nearby and there are also many forests of large trees we can use to build houses and churches. This is a wonderful place for us to build settlements.

# Explorers

## Quad Cluster

- List the four explores at the top of your paper:
  - Christopher Columbus
  - Vasco Nunez Balboa
  - Jacques Cartier
  - Jaun Ponce de Leon
- Circle the explorer that is different from the other three.
- Write two to three sentences explaining how the other three explores are different.
- Write two to three more sentences explaining how the other three are alike.

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