## Famous European Explorers!

Who were these explorers & why are they famous?

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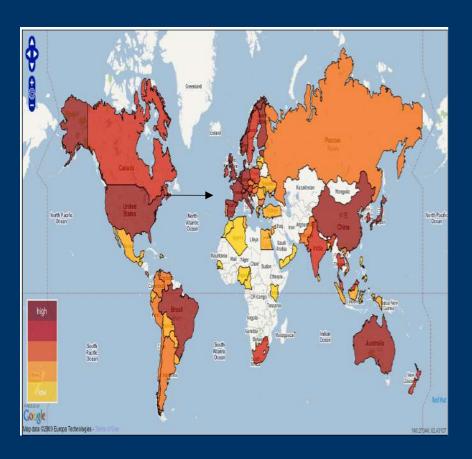
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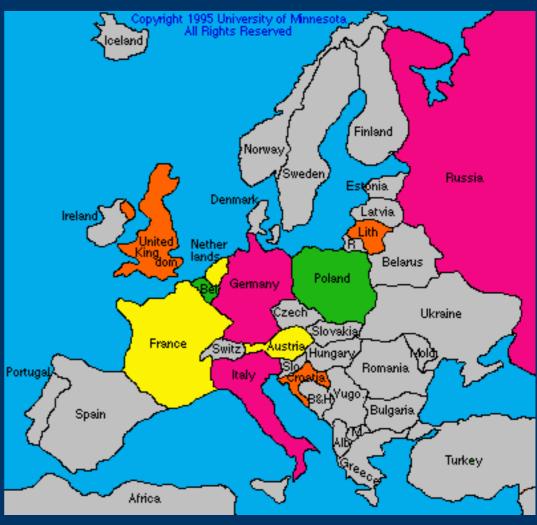
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## The European Continent





## Reasons to Explore New Land: Why Would YOU want to explore?

- Expand country's territory/land & rule over more land!
- King/Queen paid you to do it!
- Find riches, treasure, gold, spices, new things to trade!
- Find new ways to get there!

- Look for mythical things like the fountain of youth!
- Become famous & popular in your homeland!
- Adventure!
- Meet new people & see how they live!

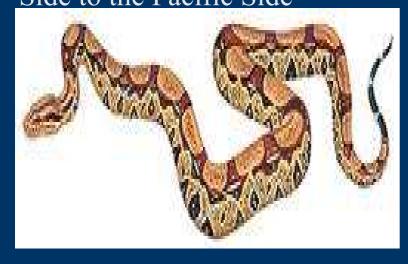
# Vasco NunezBalboa



- $\bullet$  (1475-1519)
- SpanishConquistador
- •1<sup>st</sup> European to explore the Pacific Ocean
- Crossed through the Panama Canal

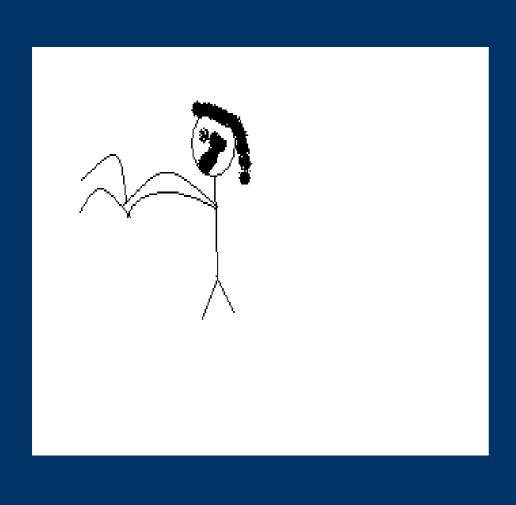
## Balboa: Boa Constrictor Snake

- Bal<u>boa</u> makes me think of a boa constrictor snake
- Snakes slither in a wave-like motion across from one side to get to another
- The Panama Canal ocean currents are in waves and Balboa moved from the Atlantic & Caribbean Side to the Pacific Side





## You Try! Do the Balboa!

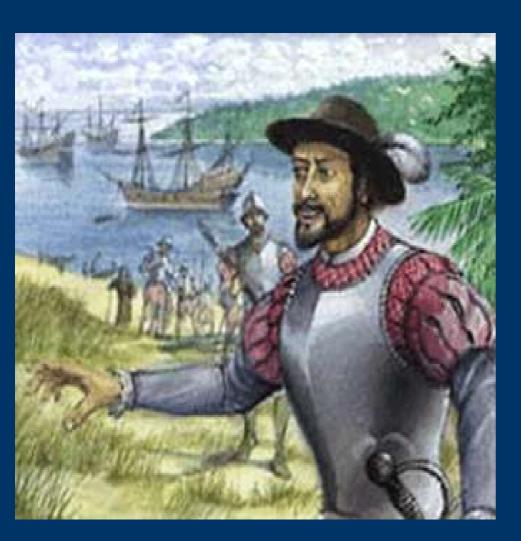


- Take your hand and arm and snake it up and down and across while you say to yourself,
- "Balboa snaked his way from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama Canal!"
- Kinesthetic (bodily)moves help youremember better!

### More info on Balboa

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/pag e/b/balboa.shtml

## Juan Ponce De Leon



- $\bullet$  (1460-1521)
- SpanishConquistador
- •1st European to explore Florida
- Searching for the Fountain of Youth

## "Ponce de L-L-L- Leon... Found FL-L-Florida"

- Here is another mneumonic device: focus on the "L" sound and repeat the above quote.
- Next, add the fact he was searching for the, "F...F...Fountain of Youth in F...F...Florida!"



## St. Augustine, Florida

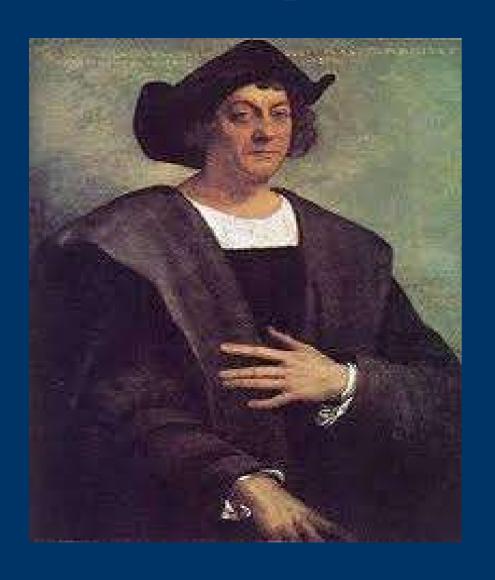
• If you go to St. Augustine, Florida, you can visit a fort where Ponce de Leon found a natural well & spring he thought would bring youth (it had sulfur, a healing mineral, in it) like Indian Springs & Warm Springs in GA.



### More Info on Ponce de Leon

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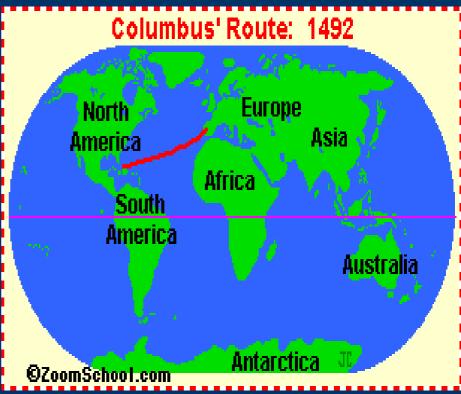
## Christopher Columbus



- $\bullet$ (1451-1506)
- Italian, but Sailed for Spain
- Landed in the
   Americas, but
   thought he was in
   the Indies (India)
- Called the natives,Indians for this

## "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue!"



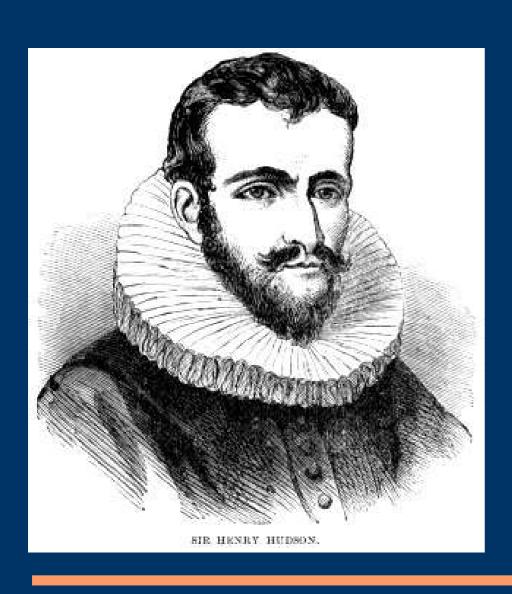


Niña, Pinta, Santa Maria (3 ships)

### More info on Columbus

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/c/ columbus.shtml

## Henry Hudson



- **(**1565-1611)
- English/British, but Sailed for the Dutch (Holland & Netherlands)
- Searching for the Northwest Passage (didn't exist yet due to ice!)
- Hudson River, Strait, and Bay named for him
- Explored Arctic, Canada and what is now the Northeastern U.S.

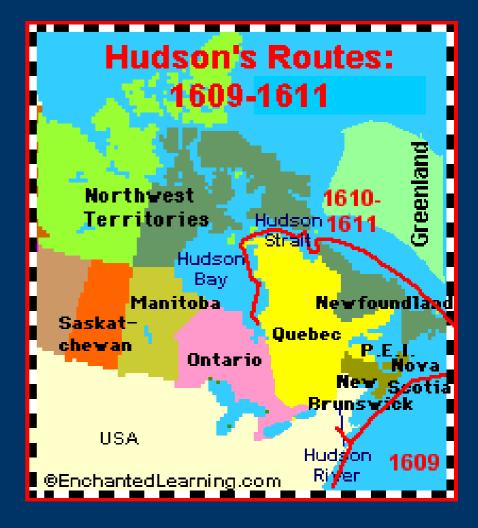
## What is the Northwest Passage?

- A sea route connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific via Canada & the Arctic
- Would have been great for trading & faster travel, but ice blocked it in Hudson's days!
- •2009 was the first year ice melted enough to actually allow ships to pass, up 'til then there was too much ice to actually allow ships to sail this route



### Hudson = Hudson River Area

 No cute rhymes, just imagine where the Hudson River is and that is where Hudson sailed!



### More info on Hudson

•http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/h/h udson.shtml

## Jacques Cartier



- **●** (1491-1557)
- French Navigator
- Searching for the Northwest Passage (didn't exist yet due to ice!)
- Discovered the
- St. (Saint) Lawrence River
- Lived in Canada near
   Lake Huron & was
   searching for gold (didn't find it)
- Kidnapped Indians hoping they'd tell him about gold

## SAY WHA?? Practice Your French! "[zhahk]" "[kahr-tee-ey]"

- Click here to listen to how to pronounce his name:
- http://www.forvo.com/ word/jacques\_cartier/



## Time for A Mnemonic Rhyme!

- Car-tee-<u>ay</u> wanted to save-the-day
- and find gold,
- There was none, he was told...
- But he didn't stop to quiver,
- Instead he settled along the St. Lawrence river!

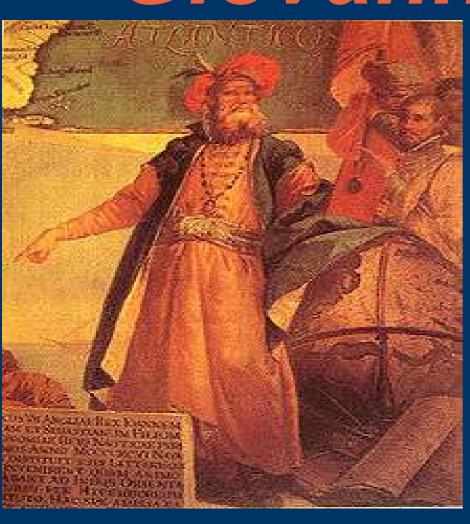
Map of where he sailed



### More Cartier Info.

• http://library.thinkquest.org/J002678F/jacques\_cartier.htm

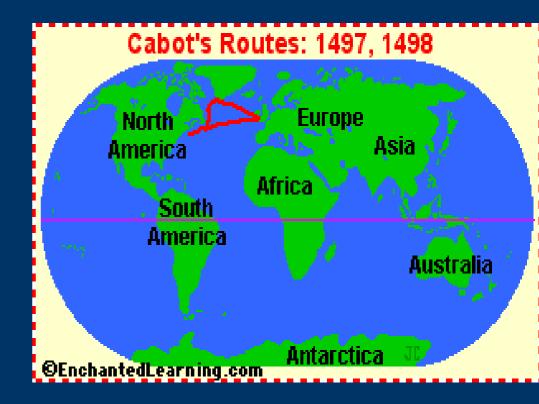
# John Cabot "Giovanni Caboto"



- **●** (1450-1499)
- Italian Navigator, Sailed for England
- Searching for the
   Northwest Passage (didn't exist yet due to ice!)
- Landed in Newfoundland
- First British settler in Canada
- Explored 5 years after
   Columbus did

## Cabot, Made a Habit...Rhyme Time!

- Ca-bot,
- ullet Made a hab-it,
- Of finding the
- North-West-Passage!
- Try clapping that rhyme using the hyphens for your rhythm pauses



## Cabot more info...

• http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/ c/cabot.shtml

#### Test Yourself! Who's who?

- Who "made a habit" of finding the NW Passage?
  - Cabot
- Who wanted to "save the day" and find gold, but did not "quiver" and settled on the St. Lawrence "river"?
  - Cartier
- What did Hudson do?
  - Explored Hudson River area looking for NW Passage
- What did Columbus do in 1492?
  - Sailed the ocean blue to N.A. Thought he was in India
- What did Ponce de L...L...Leon do?
  - Settled FL...L..Florida looked for Fountain of Youth
- What did Balboa do?
  - Snaked his way b/t Atlantic & Pacific via the Panama Canal