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### Study Guide for the Explorer Unit Test

1. \_\_\_\_\_ helped sailors determine their geographical direction and position at sea.
2. Europeans wanted to find a \_\_\_\_\_ to Asia and its riches such as gold and silver, perfume, jewels, spices and silk fabrics.
3. European nations became interested in setting up \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Explorers found a wealth of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Americas that colonies could trade with their mother country.

#### European Explorers:

##### Columbus

- \_\_\_\_\_ explorer (1451-1506)
- Thought he could sail \_\_\_\_\_ to Asia
- King & Queen of \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored his first voyage
- Landed on a island off the coast of \_\_\_\_\_
- He thought he was in \_\_\_\_\_ (a country in Asia)
- Columbus made \_\_\_\_\_ exploring islands in the Caribbean Sea as well as the NE coast of South America

##### Juan Ponce de Leon

- \_\_\_\_\_ explorer (1460 -1521)
- Landed in \_\_\_\_\_ and claimed land for Spain
- Looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ and looking for gold
- He never found either one
- Attacked by \_\_\_\_\_ and died of his wounds

##### Vasco Nunez de Balboa

- Sailed for \_\_\_\_\_ (1475 - 1519)

- First European to see the \_\_\_\_\_ from present-day Panama

### Jacques Cartier

- Earliest \_\_\_\_\_ explorer (1491 - 1557)
- Made \_\_\_\_\_ voyages to the Americas
- Explored the \_\_\_\_\_ off Canada

### John Cabot

- From \_\_\_\_\_, sailed for \_\_\_\_\_ (1450 - 1499)
- Sailed west and found land, probably the island of \_\_\_\_\_

### Henry Hudson

- Usually sailed for \_\_\_\_\_, but he sailed for the Dutch East India Company in 1609 (1565 - 1611)
- Explored the \_\_\_\_\_
- Discovered the \_\_\_\_\_ (claimed it for the Dutch)
- He sailed about 150 miles up the \_\_\_\_\_ and saw rich land and Native Americans
- His discovery led to many \_\_\_\_\_ settlements along the Hudson River

### Cooperation and Conflict

- European explorers and settlers faced many \_\_\_\_\_
- Many Europeans died from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- They had to endure hunger and cold during the harsh \_\_\_\_\_
- American Indians often helped the explorers
  - \* they helped the early English colonists of Virginia and Massachusetts to grow crops like \_\_\_\_\_
- French and Dutch settlers were very interested in \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* large profits could be made by \_\_\_\_\_ from beavers, otters,

raccoons, & squirrels

\* furs were in great demand in \_\_\_\_\_

\* American Indian trappers brought furs to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Indian guides helped French & Dutch settlers to locate and capture fur-bearing animals

- When relations between the Europeans and the American Indians was not peaceful, \_\_\_\_\_ was a main reason
- In the early 1500s Spanish explorers conquered two great Native American civilizations by force
- In the mid-1700s the English and the French struggled for control of North America (the French and Indian War 1754-1763)
- Many American Indian tribes sided with the French during the war, others such as the Iroquois of New York, sided with the British
- After many battles the \_\_\_\_\_ defeated the French and their American Indian allies
- At the end of the war \_\_\_\_\_ had to give up territory in North America