

Modern European History

European Exploration

Activity Guidelines

Background

What situations existed in Europe during the 1300s-1600s to cause the Europeans to explore the world like never before? Your task for this activity will be to thoroughly examine the life and explorations of an individual explorer. Rather than dwell on a chronology of an individual's accomplishments, this activity will emphasize in-depth research of one explorer and their travels, including an investigation of the impact of exploration on the many countries and locations involved.

Task

You will access at least three sources to gather information on one European explorer. You will record your research and create a poster which displays the key information about your assigned explorer and their voyage(s). You and your classmates will present your projects to a group who will visit to view your displays.

Information to Research

You must locate the following information about your assigned explorer:

Where was the explorer from originally (homeland)?

For what country did he explore?

Where did he explore?

How did his exploration help his country?

What affect did his discovery have on the area that he explored or discovered (native population, etc)?

What year(s) did he explore?

How long was his voyage? If more than one, how long did each voyage last?

Poster Format

Your poster must include:

at least three sources, one of which must be a book

although you may access Wikipedia to gain general information about your subject, this may NOT be used as one of your sources

a works cited page (see attached format guidelines)

answers to all research questions presented on poster

a map showing starting point and areas that were explored

a presentation that is neat, colorful, organized, and informative

Schedule

Thur-Fri, 12/12-13: homework time devoted to research and/or poster

Mon-Tues, 12/16-17: class and homework time devoted to research and/or poster

Wed-Thurs, 12/18-19: class presentations

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Poster Project Rubric

Basic Requirement

includes a works cited page

(must include in order to hand in)

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Content

(70 points)

Possible Points

Points Earned

identifies explorer's country of origin

5

the year(s) he explored and the duration(s) of his voyage(s)

5

identifies the sponsoring country(ies) and how exploration helped or hurt them

20

identifies the areas explored and the effects of exploration on the area

30

includes a map correctly locating the starting point and areas explored

10

Format

(30 points)

explorer's name is clearly visible on the poster

5

cites at least three sources, one of which is a book source

5

correctly formatted works cited page

5

map is colorful and adds to overall presentation

5

poster is neat, colorful, organized, and informative

5

Total Points Earned on Project:

Amerigo Vespucci

Bartholomeu Dias

Christopher Columbus

Ferdinand Magellan

Francisco Pizarro

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado

Giovanni De Verrazano

Henry Hudson

Hernando Cortez

Hernando de Soto

Jacques Cartier

Jacques Marquette

John Cabot

Juan Ponce de Leon

Louis Jolliet

Marco Polo

Pedro Alvares Cabral

Ponce de Leon

Samuel de Champlain

Sieur (Robert) de La Salle

Sir Francis Drake

Sir Humphrey Gilbert

Vasco da Gama

Vasco Nunez de Balboa

