

Exploration and Technology

DIRECTIONS Fill in the missing words in this letter from Christopher Columbus to Queen Isabella. Use the terms from the box.

- technology
- expedition
- benefits
- empire
- costs



Dear Queen Isabella,

Thank you for agreeing to pay for my _____. With a better compass and astrolabe, I am sure that I have the _____ I need to reach Asia. As you know, the _____ of the trip are high. But I promise you that the _____ also will be high. Your _____ will gain great wealth and vast lands.

Your servant,

Christopher Columbus

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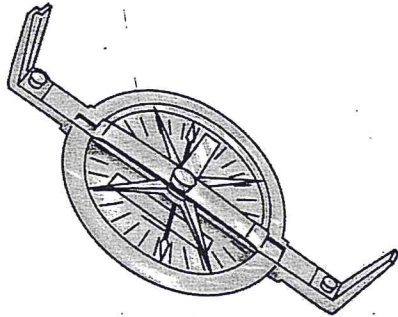
A Rush of New Ideas

When

What

What merchants wanted

Problems



The Business of Exploring

Sailor

Goal

What he needed

Solution

The World Awaits

Persons

What he did

Results

Two Worlds Meet

Where he landed

Where he believed he landed

Return to Spain

A Changing World

DIRECTIONS Read each statement about the goals, troubles, and triumphs of the explorers listed below. In the space provided, write the name of the explorer who would have been most likely to have made the statement.

Balboa	Cabot	Magellan	Vespucci
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- 1 "I sailed to a place south of where Columbus had landed, but the places I saw did not match Polo's descriptions of Asia." _____
- 2 "I led the first European expedition to reach the Pacific Ocean."

- 3 "It took us more than three months to cross the Pacific Ocean, and many of my crew died of hunger and illness." _____
- 4 "The English king sent me on an expedition to the Indies to help England compete for land and wealth." _____
- 5 "My goal is to lead the first expedition to sail around the world."

- 6 "A German mapmaker named a continent after me." _____
- 7 "I helped settlers start a settlement in what is now the country of Panama."

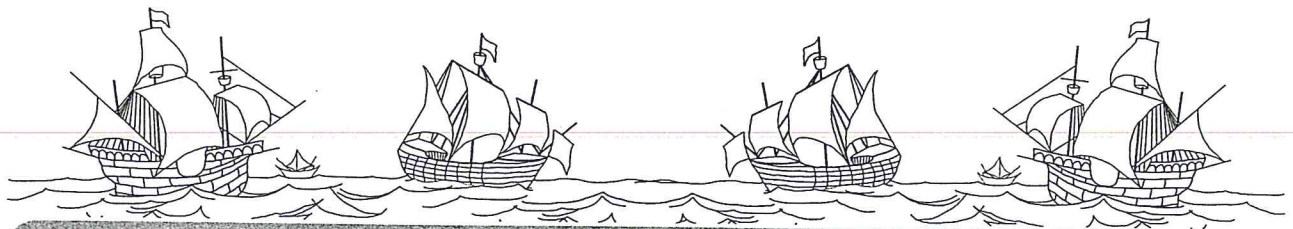
- 8 "I led the first expedition to reach Asia by sailing west across the Pacific Ocean."

- 9 "When I reached what I thought was China, I saw what my son would one day describe as 'a very sterile [lonely] land.'" _____
- 10 "I figured out that Earth is larger than most people thought."

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England Explores

Explorer _____ Year _____

What he thought he had found _____

What he actually may have found _____



A New Map of the World

Explorer _____ Where he sailed _____

What he realized _____

What was named for him _____



Reaching the Pacific

Explorer _____ Year _____

What he did _____



A New View of the World

Explorer _____ What he named _____

Sailors on one of his ships were _____

New lands were divided between _____

Spanish Explorations

DIRECTIONS Study the map. Then answer the questions about the routes of Spanish explorers and the distances they traveled.



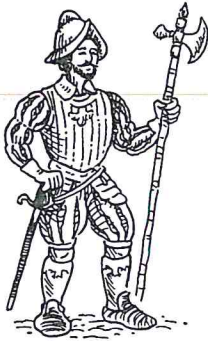
- 1 Which conquistador traveled the longest distance on land? _____
- 2 Which conquistador crossed the Mississippi River? _____
- 3 Which conquistadors reached the Arkansas River? _____
- 4 Which conquistador traveled the farthest north? _____
- 5 Which conquistadors traveled through present-day Mexico?

- 6 Which conquistador started his exploration in Puerto Rico?

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The Spanish Explore Florida

Explorer _____ Set out to find _____

What he did _____

Early Conquistadors

What Cortés wanted _____

What Cortés did _____

What Coronado wanted _____

What Coronado did _____

Expeditions Continue

What Pizarro did _____

What de Soto did _____

Missionaries to America

What happened in Europe _____

Why the Church sent missionaries _____



Other Nations Explore

DIRECTIONS Imagine that you are Giovanni da Verrazano and that you are being interviewed by a newspaper reporter. Write answers to the interview questions.

1 Mr. Verrazano, what was the goal of your voyages to the west?

2 Who sent you to find the Northwest Passage?



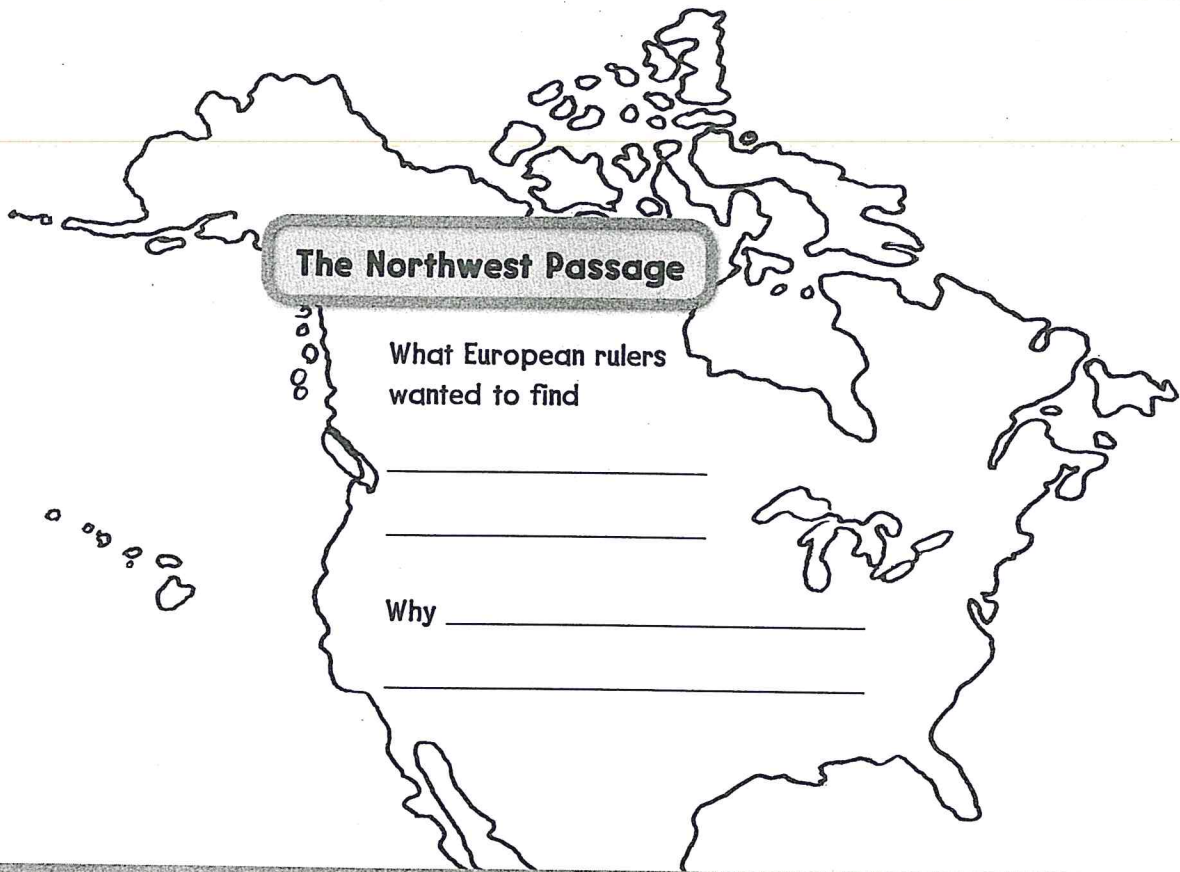
3 What was the biggest problem that you faced?

4 You did not achieve your goal, but what did you do?

5 What were these people like?

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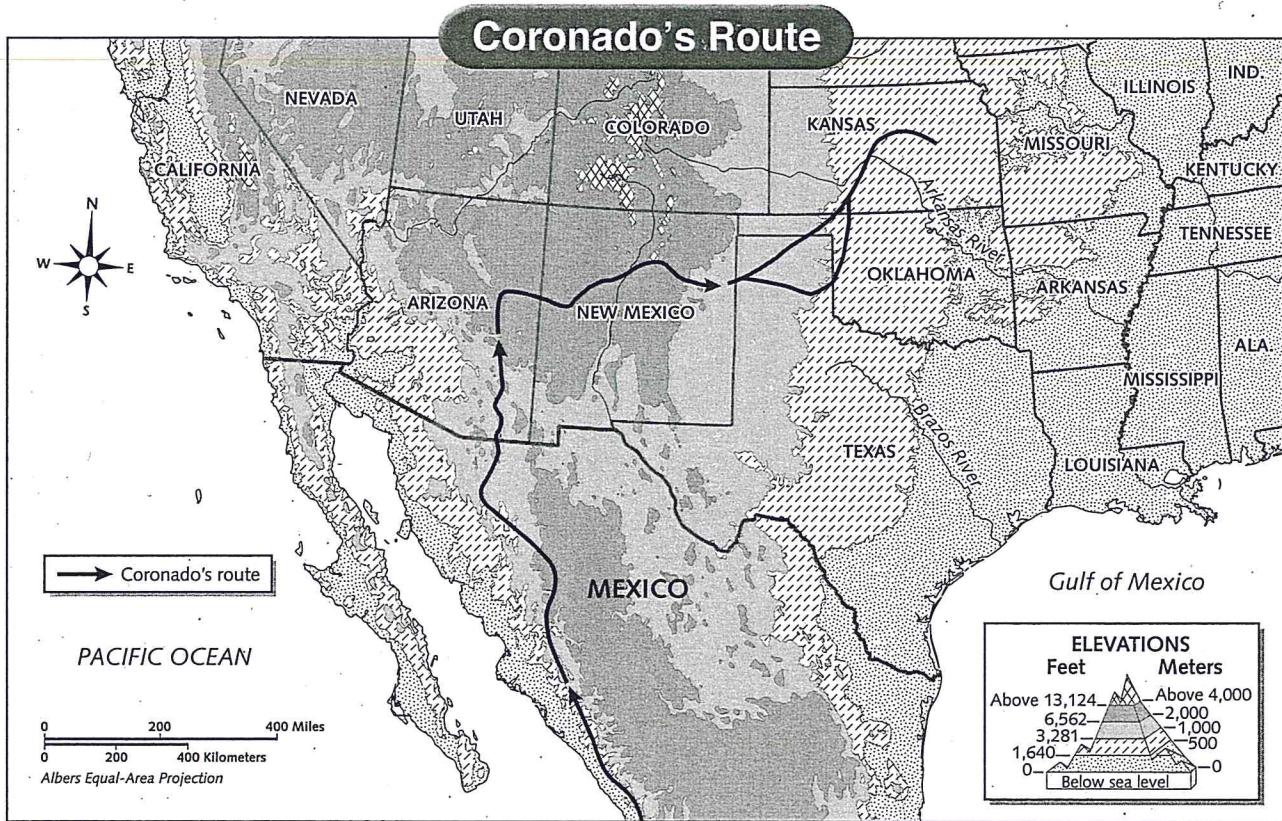
Verrazano and Cartier	
Giovanni da Verrazano	Jacques Cartier
What he did _____ _____ _____	What he did _____ _____ _____
What he did not find _____	What he did not find _____

Hudson's Voyages	
Explorer _____	How many voyages _____
What he did _____ _____	
What he did not find _____	

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Skills: Use an Elevation Map

DIRECTIONS Add details to the map as described in each item below.



1 Write an *H* on any part of the map that shows the highest elevation in the region.

2 Write an *L* on any part of the map that shows the lowest elevation in the region.

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DIRECTIONS Use the map on page 26 to answer these questions.

3 What is the range of elevation in feet along the Brazos River?

4 What is the highest range of elevation in feet along Coronado's route?

5 What was the range of elevation in feet on the route through Mexico?

6 How would land elevation have changed if Coronado had traveled 150 miles due west from what is today Arizona instead of east toward New Mexico?

7 How would you describe the land elevation at the start of his journey in North America?

8 How would you describe the land elevation toward the end of his journey?

9 What kind of landform would you expect to find at the highest elevations to the north of Coronado's route?

10 Write a sentence describing the land that the Arkansas River flows through.

