



Important People in Exploration



<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Areas Explored</i>	<i>Goal of Expedition/ Obstacles</i>	<i>Result of Expedition</i>
Vasco Nunez de Balboa	Spain	Panama; Pacific Ocean	gold and the great Incan Empire/ fought with Native Americans	1. crossed Panama and reached Pacific Ocean 2. claimed nearby land for Spain
John Cabot	Italian who sailed for England	North Atlantic Ocean	Cross Atlantic Ocean far to the North/no maps	1. Claimed Newfoundland and much of the East Coast for England
Jacques Cartier	France	Canada; St. Lawrence River	Find a Northwest Passage	1. Did NOT find a NW passage 2. claimed St. Lawrence River and nearby land for France
Christopher Columbus	Italian who sailed for Spain	Bahamas (North America)	find easier (water rout to Aisia); go West to get East/no maps; frightened crew	1. claimed America for spain 2. did NOT find water route to Asia 3. made 3 voyages
Henry Hudson	England	Eastern US; Hudson River/Bay; modern day New York	Find Northwest passage to Asia/crew mutinied in the cold climate	1. got very close to N Pole 2. Waterways Named after him 3. Later explored Eastern US
Juan Ponce de Leon	Spain	Florida	gold and legendary "fountain of youth"/Fought with NA	1. first European to reach Florida 2. did NOT find the fountain of youth

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fun info when
teaching***

Once settled in S America, he married the daughter of the local NA Chief

One of his 3 sons, Sebastian, also went on the trip

settled in central and s American; columbus had to ask the king and queen of spain several times over several years to fund his trip.
his crew kicked him off the boat and he was never heard from again

Named Florida after the Spanish word for flower