

Exploring EXPLORERS



Draw a line to match the explorer with the correct description. Then answer the questions in each box.



Christopher Columbus

I was a French navigator who explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence and parts of Newfoundland. I sailed for Francis I. I reported that North America not only had good fisheries, but also fertile lands and potential wealth in minerals. While exploring the St. Lawrence River, I discovered Montreal and Quebec, two large cities in Canada.

Who am I? _____



Juan Ponce de León

I was an English seaman who was captain of the *Susan Constant*, the ship that carried settlers for the Virginia Company in the early 1600s. I made several trips to Jamestown, Virginia, which became the first permanent English settlement in North America.

Who am I? _____



Jacques Cartier

I was an Italian explorer who sailed for King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella of Spain. I sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, hoping to find a trade route to India. I made a total of four trips to the Caribbean and South American. I led a fleet of ships named the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria.

Who am I? _____



Christopher Newport

I was a Spanish explorer who was the first European to reach Florida. I also discovered the Gulf Stream and helped establish a settlement in Puerto Rico. Before I was an explorer I was a soldier, and I also sailed with Christopher Columbus in my early years.

Who am I? _____

Sources: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/d/deleon.shtml>, <http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1143.html>, <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/c/columbus.shtml>, http://scott.k12.va.us/jcollins/christopher_newport.htm, <http://www.google.com/imghp?hl=en&tab=wi>

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