

Age of Exploration Time period from 1418 to 1620 in which Europeans explored other parts of the world.

“New World” Land in North and South America which was “new” to the Europeans who discovered it.

Motive Europeans wanted to bypass Muslim traders by finding better sea routes.

Cartography The art and science of making maps.

Caravel A light sailing ship that is easy to maneuver and can sail in shallow water.

Circumnavigate To travel completely around something, such as the earth.

Northwest passage An imagined water route many searched for that went through North America to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Epidemic An outbreak of a disease that affects many people

Longitude a measure of how far East or West you are on the globe. (Lines run up and down.)

Latitude a measure of how far North and South you are on the globe. (Lines run east and west.)

Henry the Navigator He encouraged Portuguese exploration and began a school of Navigation.

Bartolomeu Dias Portuguese explorer. First European to sail around the southern tip of Africa.

Vasco de Gama Portuguese explorer. Reached India by sea by going around Africa.

Ferdinand Magellan His crew was the first to circum- navigate the globe. He dies in the Philippines.

Christopher Columbus Sails West from Spain in 1492 and lands in the Carribean in the “New World”

Hernan Cortes Sailed West from Spain in 1492 and lands in the Carribean in the “New World”

Montezuma Aztec ruler who was defeated by Cortes.

Quetzalcoatl Aztec god. At first, the Atzecs might have thought Cortes was this god.

Francisco Pizarro Spanish explorer who conquered the Incas in what is now Peru.

John Cabot English Explorer reaches Canada.

Henry Hudson Discovered the Hudson river area in North America while searching for the Northwest Passage.

Colony A settlement ruled by another country from far away.

Plantation a large farm, often worked by slaves, where crops such as sugar, tobacco, or rubber are grown.

New Inventions/technology
New crops/salt - less starvation
Ideas about government
New maps

Disease spread
Slavery
Destroyed culture and way of life of the natives
Subjects of Europe instead of self-ruling