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**European Explorers Study Guide**

**General Information**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reached North America around 500 years before Columbus.

2. One of the main reasons for the European’s explorations was to find the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was a waterway to Asia. They wanted to find this in order to find a safer and easier route to Asia. They sought to access the goods, gold, and spices found there.

3. The Europeans had both good and bad relationships with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Native Americans taught the Europeans how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crops, especially corn, which they brought back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Europeans also benefited from Native American gold and silver. Europeans taught the Native Americans new farming techniques and how to raise pigs, cattle, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Europeans brought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Native Americans that killed hundreds of thousands. Native Americans were also killed or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their land and resources.

**Christopher Columbus**

5. Country that sponsored his exploration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Queen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Reasons for exploration: Looking for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Accomplishments: FIRST to sail west across the Atlantic Ocean to find a sea route to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Discovered San Salvador (Bahamas), Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Hispaniola, and Cuba.

8. Obstacles: Had difficulty finding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay for his journey. Never found gold, spices, and jewels he was looking for.

9. Impact on Native Americans: First to call them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he thought he found the Indies (Asia). He and his sailors stole from them and some were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sold in Spain. Gave Native Americans many diseases.

**John Cabot**

10. Country that sponsored his exploration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Reasons for exploration: Was looking for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He would also claim all new land he found for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Accomplishments: Discovered a rich cod-fishing area off of North America. This was important because it gave England a claim in North America and led to the founding of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. Obstacles: Never found the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Never found gold and spices. He disappeared after his second voyage.

**Vasco Nuñez de Balboa**

14. Country that sponsored his exploration: He stowed away on a ship to Panama, but claimed all land for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. Accomplishments: Established a colony in Panama and became governor. Was the first European to see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and claimed it for Spain.

16. Obstacles: Never found the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ civilization and was beheaded by the new governor of Panama for treason.

17. Impact on Native Americans: He made friends with the Native Americans and heard from them about the Pacific Ocean. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the chief’s daughter.

**Juan Ponce de Leon**

18. Country that sponsored his exploration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. Accomplishments: Found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and claimed it for Spain making him the first Spanish explorer to claim part of North America.

20. Reasons for exploration: Looking for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sailed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his 2nd journey.

21. Obstacles: Didn’t find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where he hoped to find the Fountain of Youth.

22. Impact on Native Americans: Fought with and was cruel to them. He made some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and killed others. Eventually, he was killed by them.

**Henry Hudson**

23. Country that sponsored his exploration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the Dutch East India Company, and later \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

24. Reasons for exploration: Searching for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

25. Accomplishments: Discovered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bay. Claimed the river and the land around it, the present-day state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for Holland.

26. Obstacles: Never found the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He and his crew spent a winter trapped in ice on Hudson Bay. His crew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and put him, his son, and 7 others adrift in a small boat with no supplies.

**Jacques Cartier**

27. Country that sponsored his exploration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

28. Reasons for exploration: To find the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

29. Accomplishments: Led the first exploration up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River. Claimed the territory now known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for France.

30. Obstacles: Many of his crew died of scurvy from lack of vegetables

31. Impact on Native Americans: Made friends with the Iroquois who helped him and his men survive the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.