

EXPLORER PROJECT

Greetings from the past! This is our first history project, and we're going back to the time before the United States existed. We're going back to the time when Europeans first began exploring our fine continent. During this project, you will conduct research about an explorer, and will try to discover as much as you can about that brave gentleman.

Ferdinand Magellan
Christopher Columbus
Vasco de Gama Vasco
Nunez de Balboa
Hernan Cortes
Amerigo Vespucci
Juan Rodriguez
Cabrillo Jacques Cartier

Samuel de Champlain
Robert LaSalle
Hernando de Soto
Father Jacques Marquette
Walter Raleigh
Giovanni da Verrazano
Eric the Red
Juan Ponce de Leon

Henry the Navigator
Francisco de Coronado
Sir Francis Drake
Leif Ericson
Henry Hudson
Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca
John Cabot

Use various resources to help you research your explorer.

Part 1: Make a **passport** for your explorer. See Handout. (20 points) **Due Wed., October 26th**

Part 2: Create a **map** of the voyages your explorer took. For every voyage that is different use a different color line. Your map should include a **legend/key, compass, label the oceans and continents**, and give your map a **title**. (20 Points) **Due Wed., Nov. 2nd**

Part 3: Create a **timeline** of at least **five important dates** about your explorer. Make sure your timeline has the dates in **chronological order**. Each date should have a **3 sentence description** which describes the significance of the date. (20 Points) **Due Friday, Nov. 4th**

Part 4: Create a journal (5 entries) written from the perspective of the explorer. Your first entry will include **background information** about your explorer such as where they were born and what education they received. You will write one on the preparation your explorer did in **preparation for the journey. 2 entries written during the journey, and one** from after the expedition describing the **historical significance** of your most famous expedition. (20 Points) **Due Tuesday., November 8th**.

Part 5: Make a **postcard**. Design the front of the postcard to look like it is from the explorer's time period. On the back of the postcard you are going to write as if you were the explorer. Describe what you see, the challenges you faced, and what you hope to discover on your journey. (20 Points) **Due Thursday, November 10th**