

# Europe Looks Outward

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## ✪ **Vikings**

- ★ The Vikings were the earliest people from Europe and Asia sailing to the Americas.

## ✪ **Christopher Columbus**

- ★ *Christopher Columbus sailed to the West Indies.* (1492)
- ★ Columbus sailed the **Nina, Pinta,** and the **Santa Maria.**
- ★ Columbus and landed in Jamaica. Columbus set up a colony he called **Hispaniola.**

## ✪ **Northwest Passage:** a waterway to Asia, through or around North America

- ★ **John Cabot** sailed for England; Discovered Newfoundland (1497)
- ★ **Giovanni da Verrazano** sailed for France; Explored the east coast of North America (1524)
- ★ **Jacques Cartier** sailed for France; Explored the St. Lawrence River (1530's)
- ★ **Henry Hudson** sailed for the Netherlands; Explored the New York Harbor and the "Hudson" river (1609) – Sailed for England; Explored Hudson Bay (1610)
- ★ ***Even though a northwest passage was never found, these men helped to map and explore many parts of North America.***
- ★ The **Columbian exchange** was a global exchange of goods and ideas between the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

## ✪ **Spanish Conquistadors**

- ★ **Cortes** defeated the Aztecs.
- ★ **Francisco Pizzaro** conquered the Incas.
- ★ The Spanish explorers were searching of gold. The natives were easily defeated because of advances in weapons. (i.e. guns, cannons and armor)

## ✪ **Spain's Empire in the Americas**

- ★ **Herando De Soto** explored the Mississippi River.
- ★ **Francisco Coronado** explored the Grand Canyon.
- ★ Spanish explorers set up settlements called **pueblos.** The Spanish set up forts called **presidios** made from adobe brick walls.
- ★ Catholic priests set up religious settlements called **missions.**
- ★ People in the Spanish colonies were divided into four social classes:
  - **Peninsulares**-the people who held high government jobs-the rulers
  - **Creoles**- wealthy educated people
  - **Mestizos**-farmers
  - **Indians**- poorest people (slaves)

## ✪ **Native Americans**

- ★ Native Americans worked as slaves in the Spanish colonies. The Native Americans died rapidly from European diseases.

## ✪ **African Slave Trade**

- ★ The **Northwest Passage** led to the capture of African people to be used as slaves to replace the Native Americans. The African slaves were strong and resistant to European diseases.
- ★ **Mercantilism**-The colonies existed to make money for the wealthy people in their home country. Slavery was the means to make money for the wealthy people overseas in their home country.

- ⊛ **Northern Voyages in search of a Northwest Passage**
  - ★ **John Cabot** discovered Newfoundland
  - ★ **Giovanni Verrazano** discovered the Carolinas
  - ★ **Henry Hudson** discovered New York Harbor
  
- ⊛ **New France:** France's first permanent settlement in present-day Nova Scotia.
  - ★ **Jacques Cartier** is credited with the discovery of Canada
  - ★ **Samuel de Champlain** sailed for France; Explored St. Lawrence River Valley; Founded New France, the first permanent French settlement in North America ; *Founded Quebec* (1605-1615)
  - ★ **Jacques Marquette/Louis Joliet** explored for France; Explored along the Mississippi River
  - ★ **Most French colonists were trappers and traded furs.**
  
- ⊛ **The Protestant Reformation**
  - ★ 1517: *Martin Luther*, a German monk, challenged the powerful Roman Catholic Church.
  - ★ He believed that Church was **too wealthy and greedy**. He also believed that **people could be saved only by their faith in God** and NOT by simply doing good deeds.
  - ★ His followers were called **Protestants** and this movement sharply divided Christians in Europe.
  
- ⊛ **New Netherlands:** The first permanent Dutch settlement in present-day New York.
  - ★ **Peter Minuit** settled New Netherlands (1626)
  - ★ The Dutch colonists were also fur traders and soon were rivals of the French.
  - ★ **The Dutch/The Iroquois vs. The French/The Algonquins**
  
- ⊛ **Additional European Explorers To Know**
  - ★ **Vasco da Gama** sailed for Portugal; Sailed around Africa to India (1497-1498)
  - ★ **Juan Ponce de Leon** sailed for Spain; Explored Puerto Rico and Florida (1508-1513)
  - ★ **Ferdinand Magellan** sailed for Spain; Led first expedition to sail around the world (1519-1522)