

European Explorer Scavenger Hunt

Name _____

1. Ponce de Leon's explorations led to the first permanent European settlement in the New World, _____.
2. The Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon was hoping to discover the mythical _____.
3. Ponce de Leon discovered the peninsula of _____.
4. After destroying the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, Spanish explorer Hernando Cortes claimed all of _____ for Spain.
5. Christopher Columbus believed he had found _____ in Asia in 1492. In reality, he had discovered the continent of _____.
6. Christopher Columbus was looking for a sea route to the Indies by sailing _____.
7. The explorations of French explorer Jacques Cartier formed the basis of France's claims to _____.
8. Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa claimed the _____ Ocean for Spain.
9. Samuel de Champlain started the first permanent French colony in the New World at _____ in 1608.
10. French explorers, including Samuel de Champlain, were hoping to find the _____ Passage through the continent of North America.
11. The journey led by Spanish explorer Ferdinand Magellan was the first _____ of the world.
12. Spanish explorer Ferdinand Magellan named the _____ Ocean because he thought it was calm.
13. Portuguese students from Prince Henry's school of navigation successfully sailed around the coast of Africa to the _____ River.
14. Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama was the first European explorer to sail from Europe to _____.

15. _____ was the first country to successfully send an explorer to the East Indies.
16. Although Francisco Vazquez de Coronado never found the Seven Cities of Cibola, he did discover the Grand _____.
17. Marco and Niccolo Polo traveled to _____ on the Silk Road.
18. While traveling in China along the Silk Road, Marco Polo worked for Chinese ruler _____.
19. While traveling on the Silk Road in China, Marco Polo described many new inventions. Which of the following was not one of them?
- A. paper money
 - B. cigarettes
 - C. printing press
 - D. gunpowder
20. Hernando de Soto was the first European explorer to discover the _____ River.
21. The explorations of English explorer John Cabot resulted in England's first claims in _____.
22. During the Age of Exploration, Pirates were most numerous on the _____ Coast.
23. Even though the Queen of Spain demanded the beheading of English Pirate Sir Francis Drake for plundering Spain's sea vessels, Queen Elizabeth made him a _____.
24. Which of the following was NOT a spice commonly sold in the Indies?
- A. Ginger
 - B. Parsley
 - C. Cinnamon
 - D. Pepper
25. Europeans used spices for a variety of things. Which of the following was NOT a way spices were used?
- A. To make themselves smell better
 - B. To preserve meat
 - C. To get important nutrients
 - D. Mask the taste of spoiled food