


FAMOUS EXPLORERS

Who were the Famous Explorers?

- **Christopher Columbus (1451-1506):** Italian explorer
 - He was sent by King Ferdinand & Queen Isabella of Spain.
 - He took the *Nina*, the *Pinta* and the *Santa Maria* as his ships.
 - He came to an island he named San Salvador.



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- **John Cabot (1471-1498):** Italian explorer who sailed for England
 - He was the first European to reach North America when he sailed from England in 1498.
 - **Vasco da Gama (1469-1524):** Portuguese explorer
 - He was the first European to reach India by sea.
 - **Juan Ponce de Leon (1473-1519):** Spanish explorer
 - Discovered and named "La Florida"
 - **Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521):** born in Portugal, sailed for Spain
 - Named the Pacific Ocean (Pacific means "peaceful")
 - He died on the journey, but his crew made the first trip around the world.
 - **Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596):** English explorer
 - Robbed a ship to get lots of silver and other prizes
 - **Jacques Cartier (1491-1557):** French explorer
 - Explored parts of Canada, and named a mountain "Mont-real".
 - **Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635):** French explorer
 - Discovered a lake that was over 100 miles long. It was named after him.
 - **Henry Hudson (1565-1611):** English explorer
 - Was trying to find the Northwest Passage
 - Explored a large river going north. It was later named after him.

- **Lewis & Clark:** U.S. explorers
 - President Jefferson chose them to explore the new land of the Louisiana Purchase.
 - Sacagawea helped them cross the Rocky Mountains to get to the Pacific Ocean.



Try This!

Draw lines

Hudson

Lewis & Cl

Magellan

De Leon

Cabot

New York river

exploring Louisiana Purchase land

Cross out the people who are not famous explorers.

Samuel de Champlain

Jacques Cartier

Christopher Jones

Jesse Owens

Christopher Columbus

Arnold Schwarzenegger



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