

New Empires in North America Test Overview - Key

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Vikings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Europeans to make contact with North America • From Scandinavia • Skilled sailors • Raiders
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Leif Eriksson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landed on Labrador Peninsula, Newfoundland, and maybe even New England • Settled Vinland
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Henry the Navigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portuguese prince • Observatory and school of navigation • Financed mapmakers and shipbuilders • Paid for expeditions
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Bartholomeu Dias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portuguese • Went around the Cape of Good Hope
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Vasco de Gama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went around the Cape of Good Hope and made it to India
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Cape of Good Hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern tip of Africa

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Astrolabe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device that enabled navigators to learn their ship's location by charting the position of the stars.
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Caravel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portuguese ships that were smaller, lighter, and easier to steer. • Used triangular sails that allowed ships to sail against the wind (unlike traditional square sails)
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Beserker*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special group of skilled and dangerous Viking warriors. • It was said that neither iron nor fire could injure them, and they didn't know pain.
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Results of Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of the Atlantic slave trade • Brought wealth to Portugal and inspired other nations to explore as well
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Christopher Columbus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian sailor • Landed in the Bahamas, but thought it was India (names the natives "Indians") • Creates a new interaction between Europe and Americas • Leads to conflict and other explorations
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Amerigo Vespucci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Reaches South America • Believed he found a "New World" - mapmaker named the land after him (America)

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Vasco Nunez de Balboa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reached the Pacific Ocean
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Ferdinand Magellan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portuguese navigator with Spanish fleet Killed in the Philippines His crew was the first to circumnavigate the globe
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Line of Demarcation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imaginary line that divided the Atlantic Ocean Spain claimed all land west of the line.
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Treaty of Tordesillas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed between Portuguese and Spain Moved Line of Demarcation 800 miles further west (to favor Portugal)
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Circumnavigate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go all the way around
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Columbian Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of goods between Europe and America

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New World / Old World items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>New World</u>: cocoa, corn, potatoes, squash, tobacco, turkeys • <u>Old World</u>: cattle, citrus fruits, diseases, grain, horses, sugarcane
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Hernan Cortes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Led the conquistadors that conquered the Aztecs
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Moctezuma II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Aztecs • Believed Hernan Cortes was a god • Was killed by the Spanish conquistadors
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Aztecs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The indigenous tribe that dominated Mexico when Cortes arrived
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Francisco Pizarro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Conquered the Inca civilization
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Inca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The indigenous tribe that dominated South America when Pizarro arrived

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Ponce de Leon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Discovered Puerto Rico and Florida • Searched for the Fountain of Youth
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Hernando de Soto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Explored Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Oklahoma. • Discovered the Mississippi River
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Alvar Nunez Cabera de Vaca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish explorer • Shipwrecked and enslaved by Native Americans for six years • After returning to Spain, called for better treatment of Native Americans
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Francisco de Coronado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explored Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas (American Southwest) • Searched for the Seven Cities of Gold • Discovered the Grand Canyon
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Bartholeome de Las Casas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish priest • Wanted to convert Native Americans to Christianity
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Juan Diego*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgin of Guadalupe appears to him • Becomes Mexico's first indigenous saint

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Virgin of Guadalupe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becomes the “patron” saint of Mexico • Guadalupe appears to Juan Diego as the Virgin Mary, speaking to him in Nahuatl
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Conquistadors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish fortune seeking soldiers who led military expeditions in the Americas • Led by Hernan Cortes
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Encomienda System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave settlers the right to tax Native Americans or to make them work • In exchange, settlers were supposed to provide protection and convert the Native Americans
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Plantations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large farms that grew just one kind of crop
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Haciendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vast Spanish estates that raised livestock
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Peninsulares*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European settlers born in Spain • Held the highest government jobs

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Criollo*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European settlers born in New Spain
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Mestizo*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Spanish-Indian blood • Majority of the population
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Mulatto*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Spanish-African blood
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Indian*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seen as inferior (less important) by Spaniards • Described as lazy, devious, and backward
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Mercantilism*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a colony (New Spain) to make the mother country (Spain) stronger and more self-sufficient
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Role of Catholic Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To convert Native Americans to Christianity

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Fountain of Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Florida • Ponce de Leon tried to find it
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Seven Cities of Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Southwest US • Francisco de Coronado tried to find it
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Reasons for Cortes' Victory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • Horses • Indian Allies • Timing • Disease • Tactics
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Martin Luther	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German priest • Criticized the Catholic Church • Wrote the 95 Theses • Helped start the Protestant Reformation
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King Henry VIII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King of England • Founded the Church of England and broke from the Pope
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Elizabeth I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen of England • Fought against the Spanish Armada and won

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Philip II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish King Sent Spanish Armada against Elizabeth I and Great Britain
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John Cabot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian sailor Tried (and failed) to find the Northwest Passage Explores Canada
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Giovanni de Verrazano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian captain (sent by French) who searched for Northwest Passage Sailed along coast of North Carolina to Maine
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Jacques Cartier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French sailor Sailed through the St. Lawrence River to Montreal
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Henry Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English captain (hired by Dutch) Discovers the Hudson Bay and New York City (New Amsterdam)
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Samuel de Champlain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explored Canada for the French and founded the colony of Quebec

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Rene-Robert de La Salle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico • Claimed the Mississippi River Valley for France
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Protestant Reformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A religious movement started by Martin Luther (Germany) and others to reform the Catholic Church
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Protestants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reformers who protested certain practices of the Catholic Church
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95 Theses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther's list of abusive practices of the Catholic Church
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Church of England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded by Henry VII who made himself head of the church (not the Pope)
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Spanish Armada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish fleet of warships sent by Philip II to attack England

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Sea Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English sailors who raided Spanish treasure ships They defeated the Spanish Armada
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Northwest Passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water route through North America that would allow ships to sail from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean
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Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document giving permission to start a colony
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Roanoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deserted colony of the coast of North Carolina
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Quebec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French fur trading colony Founded by Samuel de Champlain
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French Treatment of Native Americans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated the Natives better than the English Traded with them

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New York City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded by the Dutch
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Immune	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural resistance to disease
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Middle Passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voyage across the Atlantic Ocean that carried enslaved Africans to the Americas
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African Diaspora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scattering of enslaved Africans across the world
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Slave Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big, successful business • Carried out using the Middle Passage • Led to the African Diaspora
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Slave Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given few rights • Considered Africans to be property • Slaveholders were not charged for murdering a slave

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Treatment of Slaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received harsh penalties for minor offenses • Treatment of slaves varied - some kind, some harsh
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Slave Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Families</u> - could be broken apart • <u>Religion</u> - Christian • <u>Art and Dance</u> - African traditions
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