



Introduction

In this WebQuest you will learn about the contributions that the explorers of the New World made.

Task

Your job is to explore various websites and your Social Studies textbook to help in your understanding of the New World explorers. In a group of 2-3, you will research this information to answer questions and to take notes. You will be using the data to prepare a presentation on your explorer.

Process

Each group will:

1. choose an explorer
2. research your explorer using the websites listed and your textbook
3. be able to answer the questions about your explorer
4. make a map highlighting his route
5. create a timeline of his life

Resources

<http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/explorer.html>
<http://www.win.tue.nl/cs/fm/engels/discovery/index.html>
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/>
<http://www.pbs.org/conquistadors/>
<http://kids.yahoo.com>
<http://coloquio.com/famosos/>

Explorer choices

Vasco de Balboa
Hernando de Cortes
Francisco Coronado
Ponce de Leon

Francisco Pizarro
Hernando De Soto
Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca
Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo

Questions

What is the name of the explorer?
When was the explorer born?
Where was the explorer born?
Who paid for trip?
What did the explorer hope to discover?
Did the explorer make more than one trip?
What route did he discover?
What did he discover?

Evaluation

Category	Points Possible	Points Earned
Research	10 points	
Draft	10 points	
Body/Content	10 points	
Maps & Pictures	10 points	
Time Line	10 points	
Bibliography	5 points	
Neatness	5 points	
Total Points	60 points	

Conclusion

After completing this WebQuest you should have a better understanding of the importance of the explorers who we studied.

Credits

<http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/grant/explorers/t-index.htm>

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