EXPLORERS

Christopher Columbus
- **Sponsoring Country:** Spain
- **Reason for Exploring:** To find a western sea route to Asia
- **Successes/Achievement:** First European to discover a sea route to America; discovered “New World” (landed at San Salvador)

Jacques Cartier
- **Sponsoring Country:** France
- **Reason for Exploring:** To colonize the New World
- **Successes/Achievement:** Explored the St. Lawrence River Valley (near Quebec, Canada) and gave France a North American claim.

Christopher Newport
- **Sponsoring Country:** England
- **Reason for Exploring:** To discover riches; to find a western sea route to Asia; to colonize Virginia
- **Successes/Achievement:** Arrived at present day Jamestown; made four additional voyages bringing more people to Jamestown; one of the first men to reach the Fall Line of the James River

Juan Ponce de Léon
- **Sponsoring Country:** Spain
- **Reason for Exploring:** To discover riches and land to conquer
- **Successes/Achievement:** First European to land in Florida (near St. Augustine); gave Spain claim to Florida

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SOL 3.3 Accomplishments of Christopher Columbus, Juan Ponce de León, Jacques Cartier, and Christopher Newport; Reasons for exploring, the information gained, and the results of the travels, and the impact of these travels on American Indians.

Due to European explorations, American Indians experienced changes to their cultures and environment.

What were the effects of European explorations on American Indians?

Impact of European exploration on American Indians:
- **Deadly diseases** were introduced
- Exploration later led to **settlement**.
- The settlements led to **relocation** of the American Indians from their homeland.

Terms to know
- **Explorer**: A person who travels seeking new discoveries
- **European**: A person from one of the countries in Europe

SOL 3.5 - Locate the countries of Spain, England, and France; Locate the regions in the Americas explored by Christopher Columbus (San Salvador in the Bahamas), Juan Ponce de León (near St. Augustine, Florida), Jacques Cartier (near Quebec, Canada), and Christopher Newport (Jamestown, Virginia);

**On which continents are England, Spain, France, and the United States located? Where are the countries of Spain, England, and France located on a world map?**

England, Spain, and France are located on the continent of Europe. The United States is located on the continent of North America. (locate on map)

**Where are the regions (general areas) of San Salvador in the Bahamas; St. Augustine, Florida; Quebec, Canada; and Jamestown, Virginia located on a map?**

San Salvador is located in the general area of the Bahamas. St. Augustine is located in northern Florida. Quebec is located in Canada. Jamestown is located in Virginia. (locate on map)