

explore

To travel in a region that was previously unknown or little known in order to learn about its natural features and inhabitants

discover

To be the first to find out, or see something

obstacle

Something that gets in your way or prevents you from doing something

accomplishment

A completed task or goal that has been reached

navigation

The science of
piloting ships

compass

A navigational instrument
used to help sailors find
direction.

New World

North and South
America

Old World

Europe, Asia,
and Africa

Northwest
Passage

A water route between
the Atlantic Ocean and
the Pacific Ocean

conquistador

A Spanish soldier and explorer
who led military expeditions in
the Americas and captured
land for Spain

Age of
Exploration

Exploring the world
during the 1500s
looking for new lands

Henry
Hudson

Born in England; sailed for the
Netherlands; traveled up the
Hudson River in 1609 and
reached what is now Albany

Jacques
Cartier

born in France; sailed up
the St. Lawrence River
hoping to find the
Northwest Passage

Christopher
Columbus

Born in Italy; sailed for
Spain; in 1492 sailed to
the New World (North
and South America)

John Cabot

Born in Italy; sailed for
England; explored the
coast of what is now
Canada

Vasco Nunez
de Balboa

Sailed for Spain; first
to see the Pacific
Ocean from Panama

Hernando de
Soto

Sailed for Spain;
Discovered the
Mississippi River while
looking for gold for Spain

Juan Ponce
de Leon

Spanish explorer who
named present- day
Florida

colony

A group of people settled
in a distant land that are
ruled by the government
of their native land

expedition

A journey or voyage
undertaken by a group
of people with a
particular purpose