

New York's European Explorers

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Learning Adventure Essential Questions:

4th grade:

- Why did Europeans want to make a life-threatening journey across the ocean?
- How did Europeans bring their culture with them when they settled New York?
- How did the needs of Native Americans change after settlers arrived?

7th grade:

- Why did Europeans set sail on voyages of exploration and discovery from the 1400s through the 1600s?
- How did New York become a part of the geography for the Age of Exploration?
- How did the Native Americans, New York's first people, relate to European explorers and colonists over time? Why?

Guiding questions to help metacognitive modeling and understanding:

- What were the causes and effects of European exploration in New York?
- Why did foreign leaders recruit explorers to risk travel to the unknown?
- Why was New York a valuable resource to those who explored it?
- How did explorers use chance discoveries to progress in their exploration?
- How did European interactions with Native Americans cause loss of life and land?
- What was the contribution of mapping in opening North America to explorers?
- What were the accomplishments and impact of significant explorers?
- What were the similarities and differences in the explorers' goals and achievements?
- How did a growing understanding of technology support exploration?

Available Graphic Organizer Assessments Tools:

- Reading and Analyzing Nonfiction (RAN)
- Find Support for the Main Idea
- Thinking about Evidence
- Supporting a Claim with Textual Evidence
- Identifying Main Ideas and Details
- Supporting Details
- Main Idea, Support, and Summary
- Summarizing the Main Ideas
- Drawing Conclusions from Information
- Cause-Effect-Why Chart
- Two Views: Two Sides to the Story
- Dilemmas and Decisions
- Multiple Causes and Multiple Effects
- VIPs: Very Important Points and People
- In Your Own Words
- Evidence-Based Claim Evaluation
- Writing with Evidence Rubric

Available Blackline Masters:

- Word Sort
- Map of New York
- Event Cards
- Date Cards
- People to Know
- Map of United States
- Event Strips