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**The Great Age of Exploration**

**Webquest/Virtual Field Trip**

This week you will observe and take notes about key explorers involved in the Great Age of Exploration. Your focus? **How did exploration lead European countries to settle in the New World**? You must also trace the voyages on maps in order to show the various routes explorers took to reach the New World. You will also make note of a variety of inventions and discoveries that helped the explorers set off into the unknown. You must turn in this packet at the end of the week to receive credit (quiz grade) for your work.

Use the following resources to help you!!

**Books:**

Social Studies Alive: America’s Past

National Geographic Expeditions Across Time Book Series

**Online resources:**

Go to Mrs. Nicholas’s webpage and find the tab “Age of Exploration Webquest”

**Step 1: Important inventions and discoveries**

Please take note of the following important discoveries/inventions that occurred during the age of exploration. Please explain what each is, and how its discovery helped exploration succeed during the Age of Exploration.

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|  | **What was it?**  **(Please circle one)** | **Importance? Explain how this advanced exploration?** |
| **Caravel** | Navigational tool  Ship  Other |  |
| **Galleon** | Navigational tool  Ship  Other |  |
| **Astrolabe** | Navigational tool  Ship  Other |  |
| **Quadrant** | Navigational tool  Ship  Other |  |
| **Printing Press** | Navigational tool  Ship  Other |  |

**Step 2: Explorers**

Using the following sites, please find information on at least 5 different explorers. Then, complete the chart on the next page for those explorers. Try to choose explorers who sailed for different countries in order to get the most varied information.

**Step 3: Explorer Scavenger Hunt**

Pair up with someone to share what you found out about the explorers. Your goal is to complete the entire chart.

**Step 4: Show What You Know**

Please complete the following questions using the information from your notes:

1. Please write one paragraph explaining which explorer YOU believe had the greatest impact on history. Be sure to support your choice with at least 2 specific examples from your notes.

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1. Please describe 3 positive and 3 negative effects that explorers had on history.

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**Step 5: Engage and Interact**

Congratulations!!!

Now that you’ve done the hard work, take your own voyage of discovery! Choose the “Interactive discovery” links on my website.