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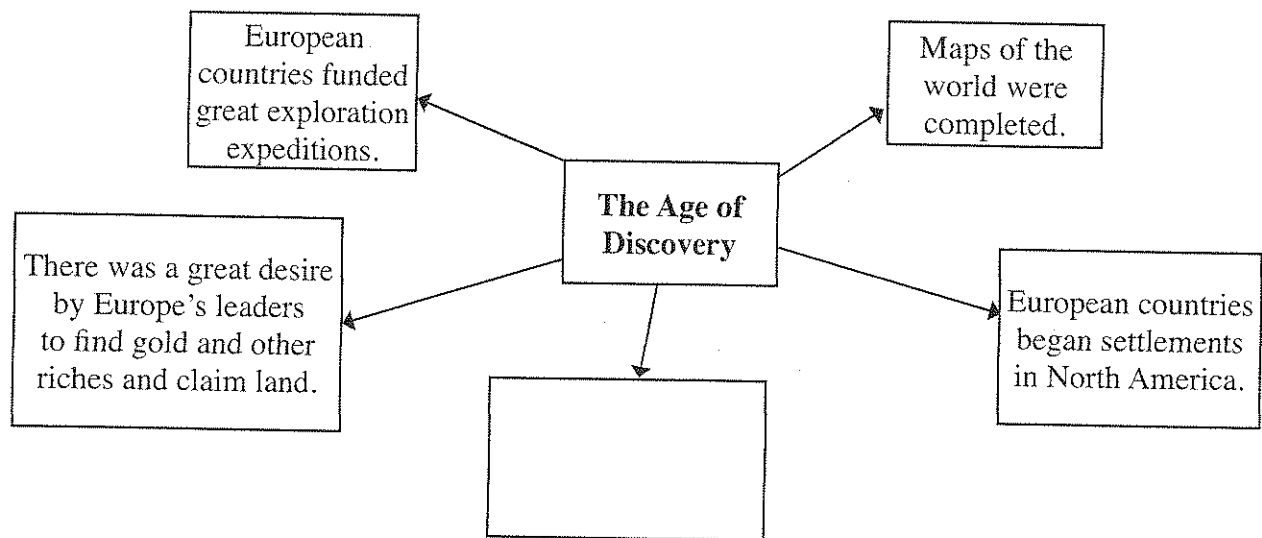
1st Quarter, Week 4

Read each question and the answer choices carefully. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer.

1. According to the article “How it all Began in the New World” the most likely reason Columbus wanted to explore was _____.
 - Ⓐ he liked to travel
 - Ⓑ the king and queen of Portugal asked him to conduct an exploration
 - Ⓒ he secretly believed the world really was flat and wanted to prove it
 - Ⓓ he wanted to find a faster trade route between Europe and Asia
2. What does the article say the king and queen of Spain secretly believed about Columbus’ first voyage?
 - Ⓔ The world was flat.
 - Ⓕ There was little chance Columbus would ever return.
 - Ⓗ Columbus would return with nothing.
 - Ⓘ Columbus would capture a sea monster.
3. What was the most likely effect of the success of Columbus’ first voyage to the New World?
 - Ⓐ Other European countries began to plan explorations.
 - Ⓑ Spain got all the gold from the New World.
 - Ⓒ Spain claimed all of the land in the New World.
 - Ⓓ A new trade route to Asia was found.
4. Which statement about the “Age of Discovery” is best supported by information from this week’s magazine?
 - Ⓔ The Age of Discovery only lasted a few years.
 - Ⓕ The Age of Discovery was a time when most people became very wealthy.
 - Ⓗ The Age of Discovery was a time of exploration and discovery of new ideas and information.
 - Ⓘ The Age of Discovery was not an important time in world history.

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5. Which of the following best completes the diagram above?
- Ⓐ Explorers did not want to find a new trade route to Asia.
 - Ⓑ Christianity was introduced to the New World.
 - Ⓒ Florida was claimed by Spain.
 - Ⓓ Trade between Europe and the New World increased.



6. What would be the best title for the exploration map shown above?
- Ⓐ Exploration Route of English Explorers
 - Ⓑ Exploration Route of French Explorers
 - Ⓒ Exploration Route of European Explorers
 - Ⓓ Exploration Route of Spanish Explorers

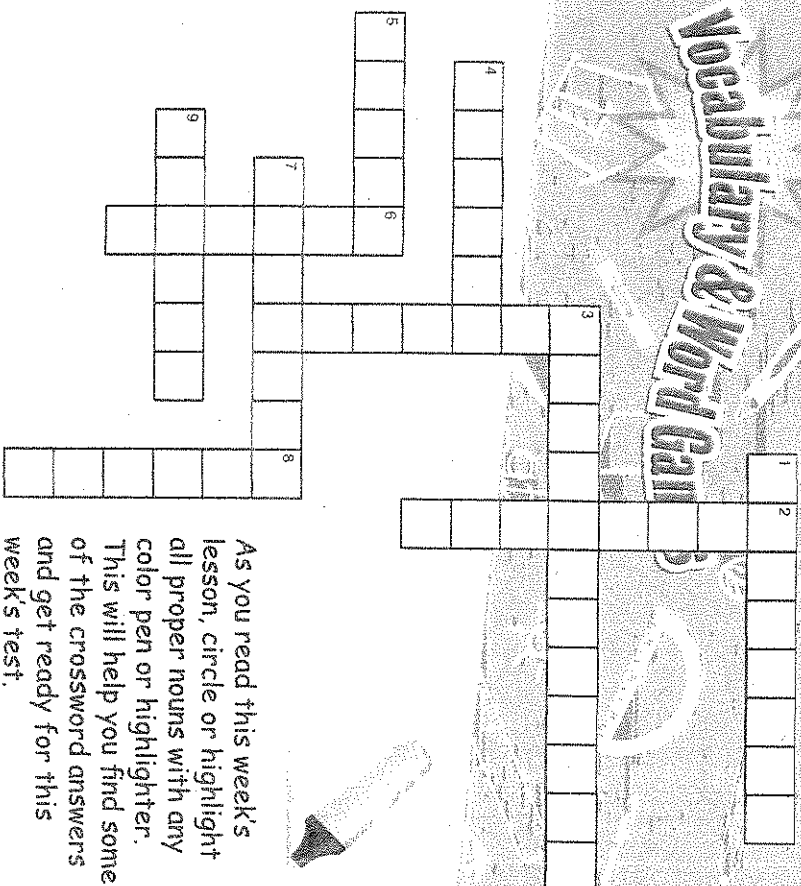
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7. What is the most likely reason European countries wanted to establish colonies in the New World?
- Ⓐ Colonies would firmly establish their presence in the New World.
 - Ⓑ Colonies would keep other European countries from trying to claim the land.
 - Ⓒ Colonies would keep problems with American Indians in the area to a minimum.
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. What is the most likely reason de Aviles was eager to destroy Fort Caroline?
- Ⓐ He didn't like the way the French built forts.
 - Ⓑ He wanted to eliminate the French as competition for land and riches.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to quickly claim the land so he could return to Spain.
 - Ⓓ He wanted the fort to be given to the local Timucua tribe.
9. Which of these is the best summary of the information in the article "Worth Thier Weight in Gold"?
- Ⓐ Early explorers wanted a quick route to Asia in order to trade spices, which were an important part of European culture.
 - Ⓑ Spices were not grown in Europe, so people had to find them in other places.
 - Ⓒ Food spoiled easily and needed spices to make the taste better. People especially liked salt and pepper for daily spices.
 - Ⓓ Animals were bought and paid for with spices during the Age of Discovery.
10. Which country hired Henry Hudson before Holland?
- Ⓐ France
 - Ⓑ Spain
 - Ⓒ Portugal
 - Ⓓ England
11. Choose one of the countries in this week's Studies Weekly and write a paragraph about thier exploration of the New World.

12. How did the Age of Discovery change maps?

Vocabulary & Word Game



As you read this week's lesson, circle or highlight all proper nouns with any color pen or highlighter. This will help you find some of the crossword answers and get ready for this week's test.

Across

1. Western Hemisphere, including North and South America
3. mapmaker
4. explorer whose last voyage ended in mutiny
5. people conquered by Cortes
7. state where you find the oldest permanently settled city in the United States
9. present-day name of the country where Cabot claimed land

Down

2. someone who travels to gain geographical or scientific information
3. to take over
6. a group of people who settle far from home but keep ties with their home country
8. founder of St. Augustine: Pedro Menendez de

Activity

Explorers of the New World

Language Arts Connection

As you read this week's cover story, use any color to circle or highlight all the prepositions. (CC ELA L.5.1)

Directions: Use the graphic organizer below to organize and compare information about explorers of the New World. Use what you read in USA Studies Weekly to help you complete the graphic organizer. You can write additional notes on a separate piece of paper if you need more room.