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Age of Exploration- Part 3 Explorers

Directions: Read pgs. 51-54, 56-59 in the textbook America’s Past and Promise. Then explain who each of the following people are by telling what they did or why they are famous.

Christopher Columbus-

Grew up in the Italian city-state of Genoa. Made his way to Portugal where he learned Spanish, Latin, mapmaking, and navigation. Convinced the king and queen of Spain to sponsor his voyage west across the ocean to find an all-water trade route to the Indies. Discovered America in 1492. Made 4 trips across the Atlantic. Treated many of the Natives very poorly and the queen took away his right to rule the new lands he discovered.

King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella-

Led the Reconquista to expel Muslims (and any other non-Catholics) from France. Sponsored Columbus’s voyages that discovered America.

Amerigo Vespucci-

Explored South America’s coast for Portugal in 1501. Realized that he was exploring a new continent, not Asia. America was named after him.

Vasco Nunez de Balboa-

In 1513, he led an expedition that reached the Pacific Ocean. He named it the South Sea. His group were the first Europeans to reach the Pacific Ocean by water.

Ferdinand Magellan-

Led an expedition starting in 1519 that lasted three years and was the first to travel around the world. Gave the Pacific Ocean its name. Died in the Philippians.

Juan Sebastian del Cano-

Led and completed Magellan’s expedition after his death.