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8th Grade

Explorer Project



Directions: You are going to choose **one** explorer from the list below and follow each step of the project.

Ferdinand Magellan	Juan Ponce de Leon	Lewis and Clark
Henry Hudson	Jacques Cartier	De Charlevoix
Hernando de Soto	Cavelier de La Salle	Amerigo Vespucci

1. Create an informative essay (at least 5 paragraphs) that addresses the following important points of the history of this explorer. You are to use at least THREE different types of resources ONE such resource must be from a book. This paper needs to include a bibliography. Be careful: Plagiarism will result in earning a zero for the entire essay.

- Explorer name, country of origin, birth and death
- Purpose (*reason*) of expedition
- Sponsor of expedition (name and country) (*who hired and paid for expedition*)
- Information about each stop/city/country on the trip
- How does these exploration influence trade?
- What are some of the positive or negative results of the explorer's discovery?
- Impact: What were the long lasting effects of your explorer?

2. Design a timeline that includes:

- Explorer name and picture
- Start and end date of the expedition locations
- Information about each stop/city on the trip (2-3 sentences for each)
- Must have a minimum of 4 expedition locations
(*The start and end date locations count as two so you need at least 2 additional locations.*)

3. Construct a map showing the routes of each expedition location mentioned in your essay and on your timeline. Be sure to include a map title, compass rose, and label all major water and land features.