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| **Explorer** | **Dates** | **Sponsor** | **Purpose (Goal)** | **Obstacles** | **Achievements** |
| Christopher Columbus  | 1492 | Spain – King Ferdinand & Queen Isabella | He wanted to find a short cut to the Indies by sailing west from Europe. | He didn’t meet his goal. Also, he had conflict with the Native Americans. | He found a lot of riches. He discovered America even though he didn’t know he had. |
| John Cabot  | 1497 | England | He wanted to find a quicker route to the Indies. | He did not meet his goal. | He found Fool’s Gold which he sent to the King of England. He also found great fishing areas on the eastern border of Canada. |
| Vasco Nuňez Balboa  | 1509 & 1513 | Spain | He wanted to escape from the people he owed money to. | He had a large debt – he owed a lot of people a lot of money! He did not get along with the Native Americans. | He was the first European explorer to see the Pacific Ocean. |

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| Juan Ponce de Leon | 1513 | Spain | He wanted to find the Fountain of Youth along with other riches. | He never found what he was looking for. | He was the first European to set foot in Florida, which he claimed for Spain. He named it Florida because of all the flowers (flora = flowers in Spanish). |
| Jacques Cartier  | 1534 | France | He wanted to find the Northwest Passage – what they thought was a short cut to Asia. | He didn’t find the Northwest Passage (it doesn’t exist!) | He claimed Canada for France. He also discovered and explored the St. Lawrence River. |
| Henry Hudson | 1607 | England | He wanted to find the Northwest Passage – what they thought was a short cut to Asia. | He didn’t find the Northwest Passage (it doesn’t exist!). Also, 3 of his 4 journeys to the New World failed because of weather, disease, etc. | He discovered, named, and explored the Hudson River, the Hudson Bay, and the Hudson Strait in modern day New York. |