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<td>Christopher Columbus</td>
<td>Italian Sailor</td>
<td>King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain</td>
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<td>English sailor</td>
<td>Dutch India Trading Company of Holland</td>
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<td>Sailed across the top of Europe, near the Arctic Circle, into the Hudson River, a shallow body of water in North America</td>
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<td>King Francis I of France</td>
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<td>Sailed from France into present day Canada and into the St. Lawrence River</td>
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**You Need to Know:**
- Explorers came to North America to **claim land for their countries**, in search of a **northwest passage**, and to find **gold and spices**.

**Terms to Know for Explorers**

**Northwest Passage** – a water passage that explorers were hoping to find that stretched all the way through North America to the Pacific; no such water route exists

**Patriotism** – having respect and love for your country

**Courage** – being brave when faced with hardships or adversity

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**Europeans and their Treatment of Native Americans**

**You need to know:**
- Europeans thought that Native Americans were savages and treated them as such
- Europeans tried to spread Christianity (their religion) to the natives

**Conflict with Native Americans**
- Overall, Native Americans were treated extremely harsh by explorers
- Explorers stole land and food from Native Americans
- Europeans fought with Native Americans, burned their villages, and killed them with guns
- Europeans brought diseases, like small pox, to Native Americans, wiping out whole tribes
- Europeans forced some Native Americans into slavery
- Europeans were greedy and wanted all of the land and resources in North America; they did not want to share with the natives
- Europeans pushed Native Americans off of their homeland and onto barren land on reservations
- Europeans killed off millions of buffalo (the Native Americans’ main source for survival) in an effort to kill off Native Americans; because without the buffalo, the Native Americans could not survive

**Cooperation with Native Americans**
- Native Americans traded with Europeans
- Native Americans taught Europeans how to farm the land
- Native Americans agreed to give some land to Europeans

**Challenges that Europeans faced in trying to settle in North America**
- Running out of food and supplies
- Adapting to the new land
- Adjusting to the climate; many Europeans got sick and died
- Native Americans occupation of the land

**Europeans adapted to the land by:**
- Learning from Native Americans
- Trading with Native Americans
- Using the land’s natural resources