

European Discoverers who changed the world.



It was not just Christopher Columbus who enabled Western Europe to begin take over the world in the late 1400's. Yes, his landing in the Americas was a turning point in world history but there were other brave men who sailed to parts unknown during these times.

This **group project** will allow us to compile a Google Slides presentation of who they were.

You will be assigned to a group of three or four students, depending on which class you are in. Each group will have one discoverer to research and then create a three-slide presentation. Once you have created your presentation in class you will then forward it to me. I will review, grade, and then compile the single projects into one master product. I will then group e-mail to you so that you can have, learn and understand the entire project.

It will be a graded assignment and I will give you a copy of my rubric based upon the attached instructions that you have to follow.

Read the instructions carefully so that every group creates a similar product as the end result. We will be doing this project in class and I will be walking round to each group giving advice and suggestions.

Global 3 – there will be six groups of three students.

Global 4 – there will be four groups of four students.

This enables us to cover ten key European discoverers.

Group Number	Discoverer	Years he sailed
1	Bartolomeu Dias	1487-1488
2	Vasco da Gama	1497-1498
3	Vasco Núñez de Balboa	1513
4	Juan Ponce de León	1508-1509 & 1513
5	Ferdinand Magellan	1519-1522
6	Hernando De Soto	1516-1520 & 1539-1542
7	Juan Cabrillo	1542-1543
8	John Cabot	1497-1501
9	Henry Hudson	1609 & 1610-1611
10	Giovanni de Verrazano	1524

Instructions:

Within your group research your explorer using the following sites:

www.allaboutexplorers.com

www.biography.com

www.history.com

<http://exploration.marinersmuseum.org/type/age-of-discovery/>

Note: I did NOT include Wikipedia!

STEP 1 - For each explorer, answer the following questions:

1. What nationality were they and what country did they sail for?
2. What areas of the world did they explore?
3. What was important about their discovery?
4. What was an item of trivia that you found out about this explorer?

STEP 2 - Go to **Google Slides** and click on **New Presentation** (the red circle)
[Do not choose any other format except blank].

Title Page (2 sections, one large – Title, one small – Subtitle)

On **Title type in explorers name**, In **Subtitle type in group members' names**.

Add Slide – Format type Title and Two Columns

Create your own title (use your imagination)

Left Column – add a portrait picture of your explorer

Right Column – type in Years he sailed, the areas he discovered and other relevant details

Add Slide – Format type Title and Two Columns

Create your own title (use your imagination)

Left Column – type in your trivia that you found during the research

Right Column – a map of where he discovered

STEP 3 - After completion: Share and Export, Send a copy to ghurst@skahalb.org

Note: Before you click send, make sure you send in PowerPoint format NOT PDF!

Once I have received all ten, I will put it all together and send it to you.

Tip: Make sure the photo/portrait and map are clear and the correct sizes/proportions.

That's it!

Have Fun learning and sail onwards!