

Voyages That Mattered

Read about six explorers and the accomplishments of their voyages.

SS3H2.b "Describe the accomplishments of: John Cabot (England), Vasco Núñez de Balboa (Spain), Hernando de Soto (Spain), Christopher Columbus (Spain), Henry Hudson (The Netherlands), and Jacques Cartier (France)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each explorer's name and underline the words that tell what the explorer accomplished. This will help you connect each person to an important achievement.

Explorers and Their Achievements

- ① European rulers sent explorers across the Atlantic Ocean to find trade routes and new lands. In 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed for Spain and reached islands in the Caribbean. He believed he had reached Asia. In 1497, John Cabot sailed for England and explored part of North America's Atlantic coast, probably near Newfoundland in Canada today.
- ② Spain also supported Vasco Núñez de Balboa. In 1513, he led an expedition across the narrow land of Panama. From a mountain, he became the first European known to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas. Hernando de Soto explored for Spain in the Southeast. In 1541, his expedition became the first Europeans known to cross the Mississippi River.
- ③ Henry Hudson sailed for the Netherlands in 1609 while looking for a water route to Asia. Instead, he explored a river that is now called the Hudson River. Jacques Cartier sailed for France. Beginning in 1534, he explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River. His voyages helped France claim land in North America.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Christopher Columbus accomplish for Spain?

2 How were John Cabot's and Jacques Cartier's accomplishments alike and different?

3 Describe one accomplishment of Vasco Núñez de Balboa and one accomplishment of Hernando de Soto.

4 What was Henry Hudson looking for, and what did he explore instead?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose two explorers from different countries. Write three sentences that name their countries, describe their accomplishments, and tell one way their voyages were different.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each explorer's name and underline the words that tell what the explorer accomplished. This will help you connect each person to an important achievement. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Christopher Columbus accomplish for Spain?	He sailed for Spain and reached islands in the Caribbean in 1492.
2	How were John Cabot's and Jacques Cartier's accomplishments alike and different?	Both explored parts of North America. Cabot sailed for England and explored the Atlantic coast near Newfoundland, while Cartier sailed for France and explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River.
3	Describe one accomplishment of Vasco Núñez de Balboa and one accomplishment of Hernando de Soto.	Balboa crossed Panama and became the first European known to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas. De Soto's expedition became the first Europeans known to cross the Mississippi River.
4	What was Henry Hudson looking for, and what did he explore instead?	He was looking for a water route to Asia. Instead, he explored the river now called the Hudson River.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Vasco Núñez de Balboa sailed for Spain and crossed Panama. He was the first European known to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas. Henry Hudson sailed for the Netherlands and explored a river, so Balboa crossed land while Hudson traveled on water.

Accept accurate descriptions of the explorers' accomplishments from the passage. For the open response, accept any two explorers from different countries, as long as the student gives accurate accomplishments and a reasonable difference.