



### **Explorers: Practice Activity**

**Directions:** Complete the chart, identifying each explorer's achievement and the country they sailed for.

<b><u>Explorer</u></b>	<b><u>Country They Sailed For</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement</u></b>
Christopher Columbus		
Vasco da Gama		
Ferdinand Magellan		
Amerigo Vespucci		
Fracisco Pizarro		



Hernán Cortés		
Prince Henry the Navigator		
Bartholomeu Dias		
Jacques Cartier		
Marco Polo		



John Cabot		
Zheng He		
Leif Erikson		
Diogo Cão		
Vasco Núñez de Balboa		



## Answers

<b><u>Explorer</u></b>	<b><u>Country They Sailed For</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement</u></b>
Christopher Columbus	Spain	He found the sea route across the Atlantic ocean to the Americas (1492)
Vasco da Gama	Portugal	Found a sea route from Portugal to Asia by going around the cape of good hope in South Africa (1498)
Ferdinand Magellan	Portugal	Organized the first circumnavigation of the earth
Amerigo Vespucci	Italy	The Americas are named after him because he discovered that there was a North and South America
Fracisco Pizarro	Spain	Traveled through the Pacific Coast of America along Peru Discovered and conquered the Incan Empire and stole gold, silver, and other Incan treasures



Hernán Cortés	Spain	Explored land around present day Mexico Conquered Aztecs Claimed Mexico for Spain
Prince Henry the Navigator	Portugal	Never sailed on an exploration... ...but he funded Portugal's maritime discoveries and expansion Made the school of navigation to endorse his love for navigation
Bartholomeu Dias	Portugal	Sailed around the Cape of Good Hope in 1488, 10 years before Vasco de Gama would complete the route to Asia.
Jacques Cartier	France	He was the first one to navigate, describe, and map the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the shores of St. Lawrence River which was in present day Canada Claimed Canada for France
Marco Polo	Italy	The first to describe advanced technologies in China as well as Asia

John Cabot	Great Britain	Developed the idea of sailing towards the west to reach Asia He found America but in a further expedition he disappeared
Zheng He	China	He went on seven major expeditions around the world to establish Chinese trade in new areas.
Leif Erikson	Iceland	The first known European to set foot in continental North America (excluding Greenland)
Diogo Cão	Portugal	Had two major voyages traveling along the west coast and Africa Explored the Congo River and coasts of Angola and Namibia
Vasco Núñez de Balboa	Spain	Established the first settlement in South America (in Panama) Led an expedition to find gold in the Pacific ocean