

Europeans Explore the New World

🕒 Time and Change

- Turn to pages 14–15 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at map A, “Vikings Reach North America.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - People from Scandinavia, called _____, were the first Europeans to reach North America.
 - The Scandinavians set up villages first in Iceland and then in _____ and _____.
 - Viking stories, or _____, of these settlements did not reach most of Europe.
 - Five hundred years later, _____ also reached North America. He called it the _____.

👤 People and Cultures

- Look at map B, “English, French, and Dutch Explorations.” For each explorer, write **E** if he sailed for England, **F** if he sailed for France, or **D** if he sailed for the Dutch (the Netherlands). One explorer will have two letters.
 - Champlain _____
 - Hudson _____
 - Verrazano _____
 - Cabot _____
 - Frobisher _____
 - Cartier _____

📍 Location

- Look again at map B. Match the explorer with the area he explored.

Explorer

- Champlain •
- Verrazano •
- Cartier •

Area Explored

- St. Lawrence River
- Great Lakes
- Eastern coast of North America

📍 Links Far and Near

4. Look at photo C and graph D, “Gold and Silver Sent to Spain.” Use the information to answer the following questions.
- What were the main resources that were shipped to Spain from the Americas?

 - What two Native American empires had gold treasures that the Spanish wanted?

 - What was the first decade during which a million pesos of gold and silver were sent to Spain? _____
 - How much gold and silver were sent in the 1570s? _____
 - When did gold and silver production reach their peak? _____

★ History Through Maps

5. Look at map E, “Spanish Explorations and Conquests.” Put the following explorations in order, based on the starting date for each expedition.
- Cabrillo and Ferrello _____
 - Pizarro _____
 - Ponce de León _____
 - Cortés _____
 - de Soto _____
 - Coronado _____

★ Places, Regions, and Landscapes

6. Compare map B with map E. Based on where explorers for the four countries traveled, circle the places most likely to have been claimed by the Spanish. Use the maps on pages 112–113 and 116–117 if you need help.
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| a. New York | e. Ecuador |
| b. Cuba | f. Canada |
| c. Florida | g. New Mexico |
| d. Mexico | h. Greenland |