

# US 1.4a - European Exploration

**Directions:** Read each passage on the left carefully. Then in the spaces provided in the right column briefly record the motivations, obstacles, and accomplishments of exploration discussed in the text.

<p>There were many reasons the explorers chose to visit North America. Some were driven by their desire for gold and resources. They believed that the Americas were full of cities made entirely of gold! Some explorers wanted to spread their religion. These people wanted everyone in the world to know and love Jesus. This religion is called Christianity and these explorers believed their destiny was to teach others about God. The last reason was that countries were in competition with one another. Each European country wanted to prove that it was the best in the world. They wanted to spread their cultures because each country believed its culture was better than everyone else's culture.</p>	<p><b>MOTIVATIONS FOR EXPLORATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>
<p>Although the explorers wanted to explore, they had several things standing in their way. These are called obstacles. The Europeans were afraid of the things they did not know. They had heard many stories, both good and bad, about what could be waiting in the New World. They also had poor navigational tools. A lot of them did not work properly and some of the maps were inaccurate. The men also suffered from a lack of adequate supplies. Too often, they didn't have enough food to last the entire voyage or to help them once they arrived in the New World. Because they didn't have enough supplies, men often got sick and weak. Without food, they died from starvation. Insects and new climates caused diseases and many explorers died.</p>	<p><b>OBSTACLES TO EXPLORATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li><li>4.</li></ol>
<p>The desire of Europeans to explore the New World had its advantages. Exploration allowed goods and ideas to be shared by different people and cultures. The more men explored, the more they were able to create and improve their navigational tools. New worlds were discovered and placed on maps. Countries were able to claim land in new areas. The explorers were able to make better and stronger ships to last the journeys they had to make. The world changed completely because of these accomplishments of exploration.</p>	<p><b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EXPLORATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ol>