

Chapter 5 Study Guide

The Big Picture

Explorers had the following backgrounds: nobleman, sailor, soldier, or merchant

Explorers had the following motives: to spread Christianity, to find a route to Asia, or to “find” riches

Explorers had the following impacts: claimed lands for a European nation, provided new information for maps, spread disease, mistreated or killed American Indians, and established settlements

The following countries sponsored the explorers we studied: Spain, France, England, and the Netherlands

The areas explored included the Caribbean Islands and the Eastern, Southern, and Central parts of North America.

The dates ranged from the late 1400s (Columbus starting in 1492) to the late 1600s (LaSalle ending in 1684)

Countries competed for land, wanting to establish colonies in America their countries could rule. St. Augustine, FL became first permanent settlement in America.

Who went where?

Columbus – Caribbean, initially seeking faster trade route to Asia

Cabot – Northeast coast, Englishman looking for Northwest Passage for faster trade with Asia

Ponce de Leon – Florida, Spanish conquistador seeking riches and the Fountain of Youth

Cortes – Mexico, Spanish conquistador seeking riches by conquering the Aztec Empire.

Cartier – St. Lawrence River in northeastern North America, Frenchman looking for Northwest Passage

Coronado – Southwestern U.S. area, Spanish conquistador looking for the Seven Cities of Gold

Hudson – Northeast, Seeking Northwest Passage; claimed Hudson River area for Netherlands

LaSalle – Mississippi River, Frenchman claiming lands along the Mississippi River to make money

Vocabulary:

Northwest Passage – a water route explorers were hoping to find through North America so they could reach Asia faster and profit more from trade

Conquistador – a Spanish conqueror (Ponce de Leon, Cortes, and Coronado were all conquistadors)

Contagious disease – something that Europeans brought to America (sometimes on purpose) that spread through Native American populations, killing them because they had not been exposed to those diseases before.

Colony – An area ruled by another country (New Spain was a colony ruled by Spain, New France was France’s colony, etc.)

East Indies – Lands in Southeast Asia explorers were trying to reach to profit from trade, including India, Indonesia, and Malaysia

Following is the information students recorded in their Interactive Student Notebooks.

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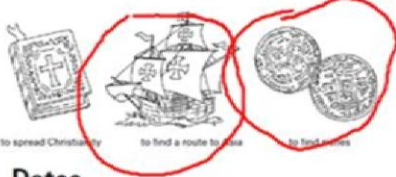
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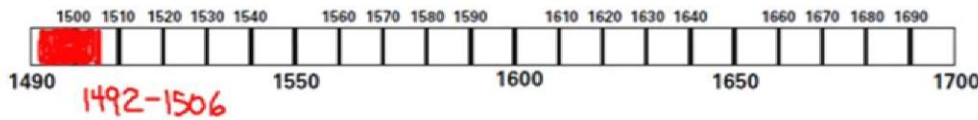
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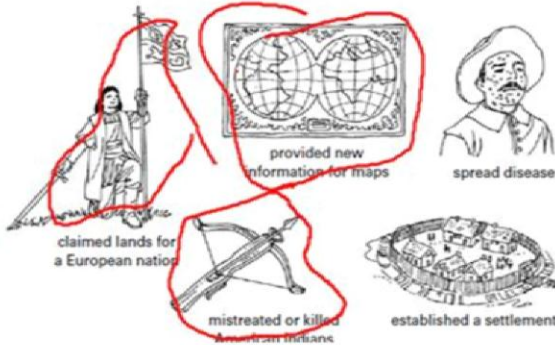
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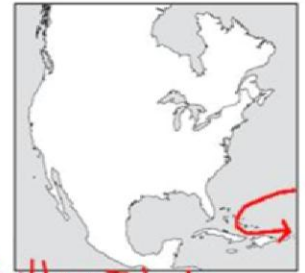
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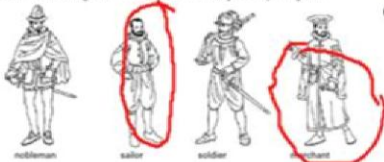
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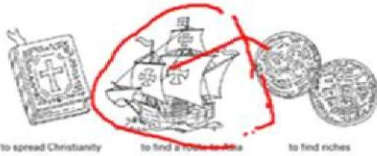
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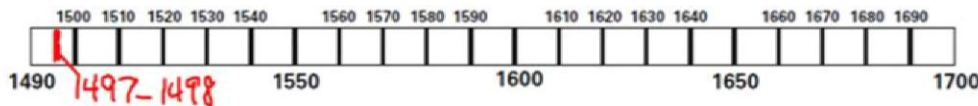
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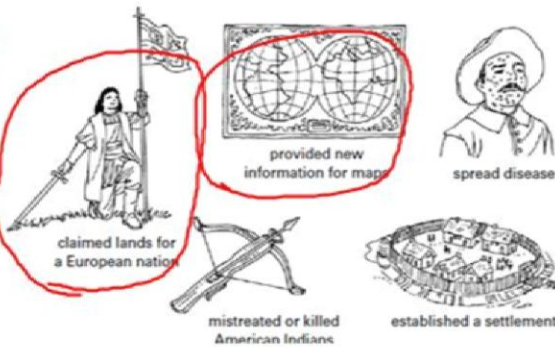
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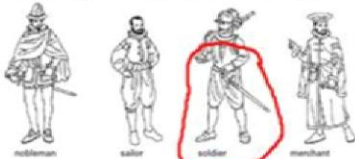
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Juan Ponce de Leon

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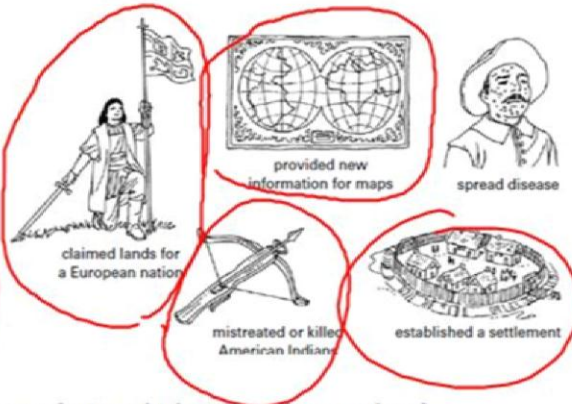
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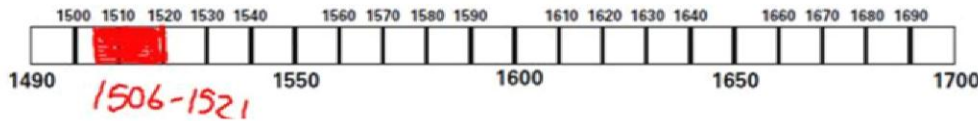
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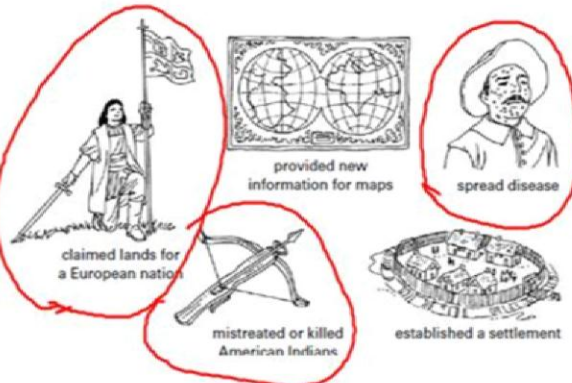
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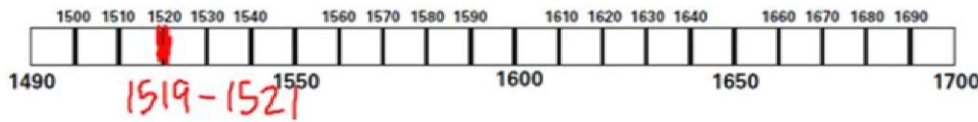
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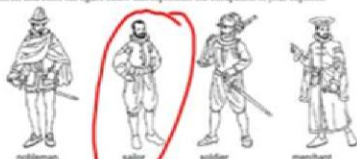
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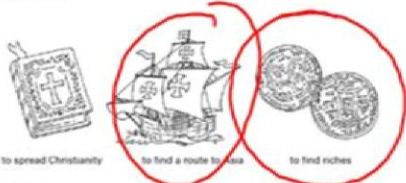
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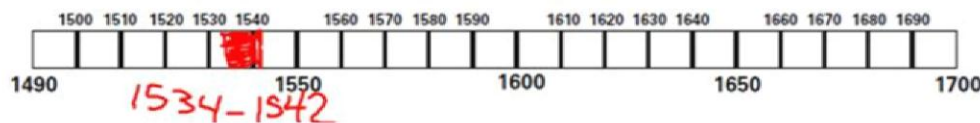
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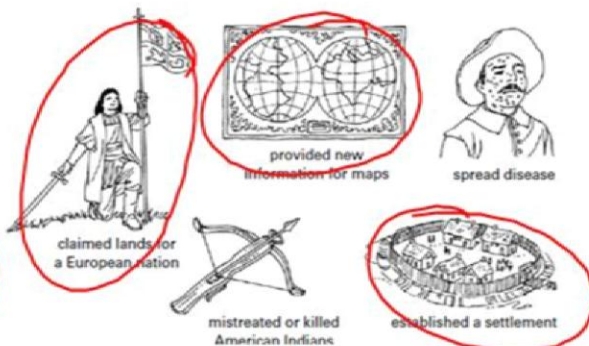
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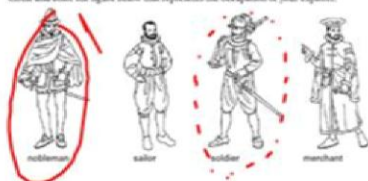
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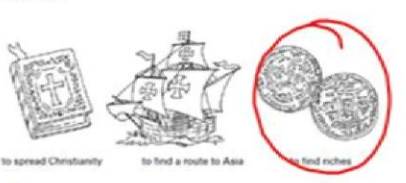
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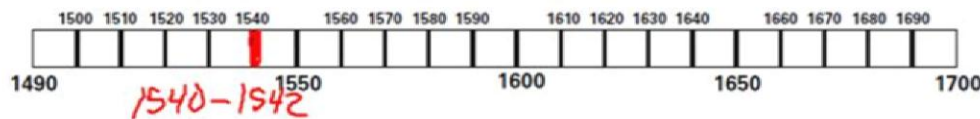
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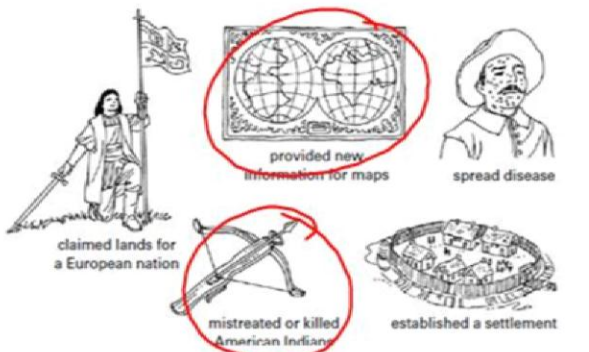
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Henry Hudson

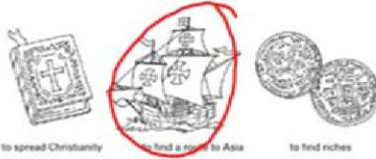
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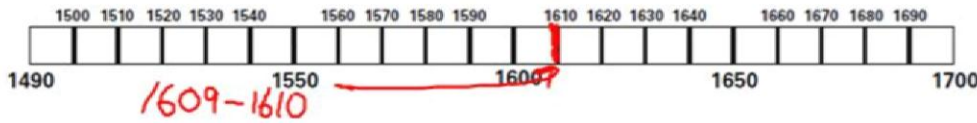
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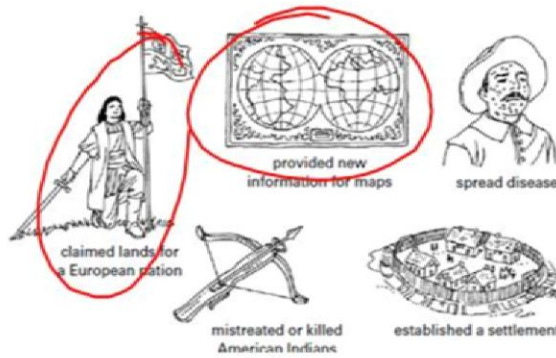
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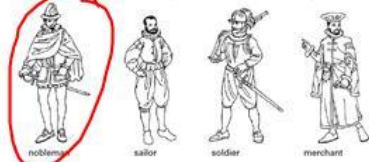
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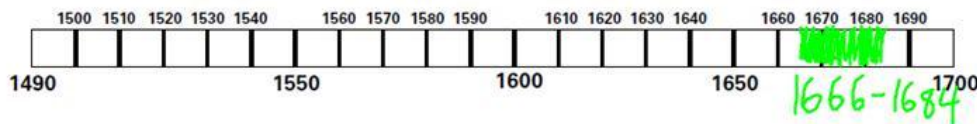
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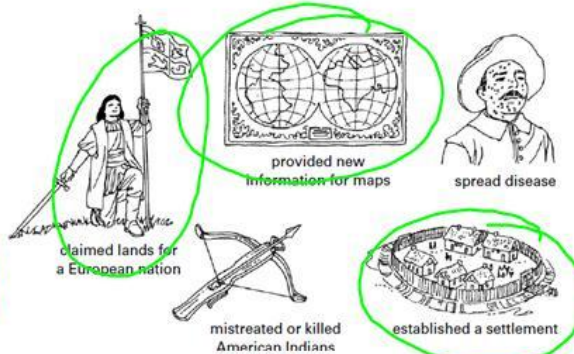
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