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Hoei Shin: a Chinese monk who explored the west coast of Mexico.

Leif Eriksson: a Viking who explored the east coast of North America.

Christopher Columbus: Italian explorer who sailed to the Americas and claimed them for Spain.

John Cabot: an Italian explorer who explored the east coast of North America for England.

Amerigo Vespucci: discovered the continent of South America.

Ponce de Leon: The first explorer of Florida. He looked for the fountain of youth.

Hernando Cortez: landed soldiers from Spain in Mexico.

Ferdinand Magellan: sailed around the world.