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Explorer Match-Up

Directions: Read each explorer's description below. Then, write the name of the correct explorer who matches the description. Use each name only once.

Christopher Columbus

Ferdinand Magellan

Vasco da Gama

Hernán Cortés

Francisco Pizarro

_____ 1. This explorer sailed west across the Atlantic in 1492, hoping to reach Asia, but instead landed in the Americas. Who was he?

_____ 2. This Portuguese explorer was the first to sail around the southern tip of Africa to reach India, opening new trade routes. Who was he?

_____ 3. This explorer led the first voyage to successfully sail around the world; he died before the journey was complete. Who was he?

_____ 4. This Spanish conquistador conquered the Aztec Empire in present-day Mexico. Who was he?

_____ 5. This Spanish explorer defeated the Incan Empire in South America and claimed the land for Spain. Who was he?