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Guess The Explorer

Directions: Read each "I am" statement below. Each one describes a famous explorer from the Age of Exploration. Use what you know about their journeys and discoveries to write the explorer's name on the blank after each clue.

1. I am a sailor from Spain who crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, thinking I reached Asia but landing in the Americas instead. Who am I?
2. I am a Portuguese explorer who became the first to sail around the southern tip of Africa, showing a sea route to the Indian Ocean. Who am I?
3. I am an explorer from Portugal who successfully reached India by sailing around Africa, opening direct trade between Europe and Asia. Who am I?
4. I am a Spanish captain whose expedition was the first to sail completely around the world, proving the Earth could be circled by sea. Who am I?
5. I am a Spanish conquistador who defeated the Aztec Empire in present-day Mexico. Who am I?
6. I am a Spanish explorer who conquered the Incan Empire in South America and claimed its lands for Spain. Who am I?
7. I am an English explorer who sailed across the North Atlantic and explored parts of what is now Canada. Who am I?
8. I am a French explorer who traveled along the St. Lawrence River and claimed land for France in North America. Who am I?