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## Explorer Match-Up Answer Key

1. Christopher Columbus
2. Vasco da Gama
3. Ferdinand Magellan
4. Hernán Cortés
5. Francisco Pizarro

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Reinforces early literacy and comprehension through short, factual passages connected to major explorers and their achievements during the Age of Exploration.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger students or English learners, read each clue aloud and provide visual aids (maps or explorer portraits).
  - For advanced students, ask them to explain *why* each explorer's journey was historically important.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Have students create simple "Explorer Trading Cards" summarizing each figure.
  - Use a world map and mark each explorer's route with colored string or markers.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Ask students to research a lesser-known explorer and write a short summary of their journey.
  - Compare early exploration goals with modern exploration (e.g., space exploration).