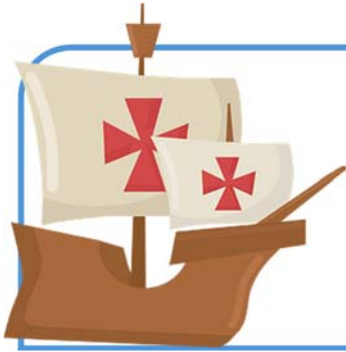


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Voyager Riddles

Directions: Read each riddle carefully. Each one describes a famous explorer from the Age of Exploration. Use clues about their journeys, countries, and discoveries to figure out who they are. Write the explorer's name after each riddle.

1. I sailed for Spain, crossed an ocean so wide,
In 1492, I was your guide.
I thought I'd reached Asia, but I was wrong-
The "New World" heard my name in song!

Who am I?

2. I led ships around the world's wide sea,
Though I didn't live to see the full journey.
From Portugal to Spain, I set sail bold-
The first circumnavigator, stories told.

Who am I?

3. I traveled east with dreams so grand,
To India's shores, I finally reached land.
My route around Africa made trade grow strong,
For Portugal's empire, my voyage was long.

Who am I?

4. For England I searched the Northwest way,

Through icy seas I sailed each day.

Though I never found that fabled pass,

They named a bay for me at last.

Who am I?

5. I claimed new lands for France's crown,
Up Canada's river, I sailed up and down.
A mighty water bears my name,
Exploration's my lasting fame.

Who am I?

6. I sailed under Spain's bright flag,
To claim South lands, my ships did lag.
Aztec gold and empire's pride,
In Mexico's conquest, I did not hide.

Who am I?

7. I crossed the tip of Africa's shore,
Opening trade to lands galore.
From Portugal's coast, I sailed with might,
Proving sea routes east were right.

Who am I?
