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## Explorer Fact Sort

**Directions:** Read the passage quickly by **scanning** for specific details. Focus on **names, places, and dates** rather than reading word-for-word. As you find these details, sort them into the correct **categories** in the chart below. Use your eyes to jump between sentences, noticing capital letters and numbers.

### "The Age of Exploration"

In the late 1400s, curiosity about the world inspired European explorers to travel beyond known maps. Christopher Columbus, sailing for Spain, reached the Americas in 1492, believing he had found a new route to Asia. Around the same time, John Cabot, sponsored by England, explored parts of Canada in 1497.

A few years later, Vasco da Gama became the first to reach India by sea in 1498, sailing around the southern tip of Africa. His success opened new trade routes for Portugal. By the early 1500s, exploration continued rapidly as Ferdinand Magellan led the first voyage to sail around the world, beginning in 1519.

These explorers changed how people understood geography and connected distant continents through trade, discovery, and culture.

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