**Helpful brief information describing explorers/people in this lesson**

**Christopher Columbus** – Italian wanted to sail west to reach India-but landed in Bahamas --sent by king of Spain- named Natives Indians – Made 4 voyages, believed he had reached Asia but had not

**Tisquantum** - N. American/Indian who helped the colonists/Pilgrims at Plymouth learn how to adapt to their surroundings called “Squanto”

**Jacques Ferdinand Magellan** - his group was first to sail west all the way to Asia ( around world)

He actually did not make the complete journey.. died in Philippines

**Ponce de Leon**- conquistador who claimed land for Spain in what is now Florida/USA-later St. Augustine was the very first European settlement in USA lands near areas he explored –

**Amerigo Vespucci** -Italian explorer who believed Columbus had reached an unknown continent

Americas were named for him

**Prince Henry**-or Henry the Navigator ..started a navigation school that made advancements in sailing and trained sailors, explorers, and mapmakers

**Giovanni Caboto- “John Cabot”**-Italian whom England hired –he reached Canada –not Asia

English gave him new name

**Henry Hudson**-English sea captain sent by Dutch to find Northwest Passage-New York area – Hudson Bay named after him

**John Smith**-helped Jamestown survive - set rules about working in colony: no work = no food

**La Salle** –claimed whole Mississippi River Valley for France –named it Louisiana for King Louis XIV

**Vasco de Balboa** –first European to see Pacific Ocean from Atlantic Ocean -crossed Isthmus of Panama

**Hernando Cortes** –Spanish explorer who marched into capital city of the Aztecs -2 years to take over Aztec empire

**Marco Polo**-Italian who traveled by land to regions of Asia and recorded what he saw –set up trade because of riches

**Cartier and Champlain**-both were French explorers who claimed areas of Canada for France. Champlain founded Quebec area