

## European Explorer Vocabulary

1. ambassador: representative from one country to another
2. armada: Spanish navy
3. bankrupt: financially ruined, to lose most of your wealth
4. barter: to exchange goods without involving money
5. cartographer: map maker
6. Cathay: another name for China
7. charter: a document that gives the holder the right to organize settlements in an area
8. colony: people who settle far from home but maintain ties with their homeland
9. commission: permission to perform a duty
10. conquistador: Spanish explorer and conqueror in the Americas during the 1500s
11. entourage: a group of people following an important person
12. expedition: a trip organized for a particular purpose
13. league: a unit of measurement, usually used at sea
14. merchant: a business person who trades goods for a living
15. missionary: a person who attempts to convert someone else to a particular religion
16. monopoly: exclusive control or possession of something
17. mutiny: rebellion of sailors or soldiers against their officer
18. negotiate: to discuss terms of an arrangement
19. New Spain: Spanish colonial name for Mexico
20. Northwest Passage: fabled water route through North America to the Orient
21. ore: a metal bearing mineral that has value
22. Orient: name for Eastern Asia, especially China, Japan, and the East Indies
23. patron: a superior, monarch, or company that pays for an explorers voyage
24. Protestant: a Christian religion
25. provisions: a stock of supplies, especially food, clothing, and arms
26. pueblo: communal village built by Indian peoples in the Southwest U.S.
27. quagmire: soft wet area of low land that sinks underfoot
28. scurvy: a medical condition caused by a lack of Vitamin C
29. settlement: similar to "colony"
30. skirmish: a minor short term fight
31. syndicate: association of companies created for a specific purpose
32. viceroy: governor of a province or country who rules as the representative of his king
33. voyage: a journey to a distant place