Explorers Lesson

Lesson Materials

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**Activity Sheet #1**

**Famous Explorers Mini-Book**

**Directions**
1. Cut out the list of Reasons and Accomplishments found below. You may want to color lightly with crayon the lists, or highlight the box frames on each list to help you remember which are Reasons and which are Accomplishments of the seven explorers we are studying.
2. Paste or tape each box into the EXPLORERS mini book on the following page in the appropriate place, detailing the correct Reasons and Accomplishments for each explorer.
3. Cut out the mini book, then fold in half length-wise (hotdog), and accordion fold (zigzag) so that you have four pages, double-sided.

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**Time-Line Ship and Oars**

**Directions**

1. Write the name of a famous explorer and one of his accomplishments on an oar.
2. Cut out each oar, then glue or tape the oar to the appropriate date (oar opening) on the caravel on the following page. Use your textbook or reading passages.

Once your ship and oars time-line has been checked, you may color or decorate it.

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<td>First explorer to claim land for England in North America</td>
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<td>Leif Ericsson</td>
<td>He is given credit for discovered America had three ships</td>
<td>Hernando DeSoto</td>
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<td>He circumnavigated (sailed around) the world and died trying</td>
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**Diagram:**

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- Oar 2
- Oar 3
- Oar 4
- Oar 5
- Oar 6
- Oar 7
- Oar 8
- Oar 9
- Oar 10
Famous Explorers of the New World

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