

## Europe Encounters the Western Hemisphere



*In an "exploration race," the nations of Europe scrambled to explore and lay claim to areas of North and South America. Answer these questions about European exploration and colonization in the Western Hemisphere.*

1. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, a castaway explorer spent approximately eight years as both a slave and free man among Native tribes in North and Central America, before returning to Europe and writing about his experiences. He was:

- a. Dutch
- b. English
- c. Spanish
- d. Portuguese

2. Impressed by England's global voyage of discovery from 1776-1779, the following country sponsored its own globe-spanning voyage, beginning in 1785 and ending in a shipwreck and the disappearance of all crew in 1787:

- a. France
- b. Portugal
- c. the Netherlands
- d. Spain

3. The founding of the Dutch colony that would become New Amsterdam (and later New York) was prompted by the discoveries of an explorer of what nationality?

- a. Spanish
- b. French
- c. Portuguese
- d. English

4. In exploring and laying claim to portions of North and South America, several countries ignored the "official" dividing up of the unexplored world between Spain and the following nation:



- a. Portugal
- b. England
- c. France
- d. The Netherlands

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