

Red Lick Haley 5th Grade Social Studies Ch2: The Age of Exploration Vocabulary

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| 1. astrolabe | an instrument used in navigation |
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| 2. caravel | a small, fast sailing ship created by the Portuguese in the 1400s |
| 3. circumnavigate | to travel completely around |
| 4. colony | a settlement far away from the country that rules it |
| 5. Columbian Exchange | the movement of people, animals, plants, and cultures between the Eastern and Western hemispheres |
| 6. conquistador | a conqueror |
| 7. devastation | great harm |
| 8. empire | a group of nations or peoples ruled by a single authority |
| 9. merchant | a person who buys and sells goods |
| 10. navigation | the process of charting a course for a ship or aircraft |
| 11. patron | a person who supports the work of another person or organization, often with money |
| 12. slave trade | the capture, enslavement, buying, and selling of people for profit |
| 13. technology | the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes |
| 14. trading post | a store set up in a distant place to allow trade to take place |