

Pre-European Exploration



What does it mean?

- What is exploration?
- Why do people feel the need to explore?
- What do you think are some of the goals that explorers typically had?

Land for their King/Queen and TRADE!

- Land



- Resources



- Ideas

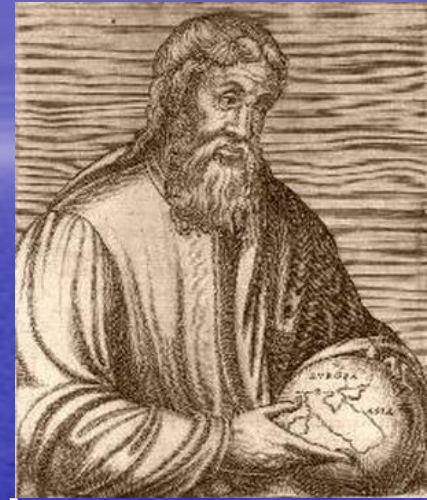


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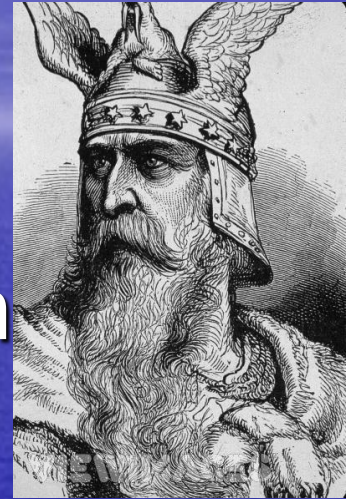
- Who are some of the explorers that you know of?
- How many European explorers did we name?
- How many non-European explorers did we name?

Major Explorers...before Europe!

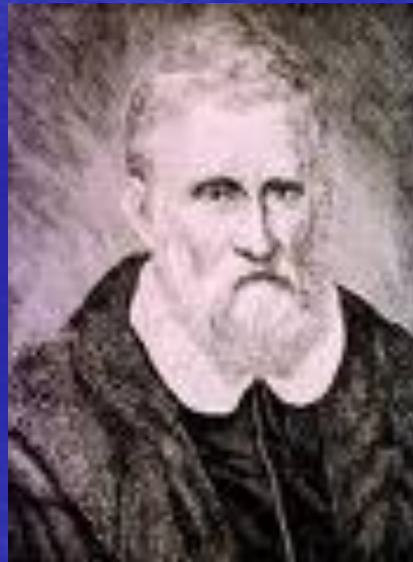
- Pytheas (380-310 BC) – Greek Guy who first circumnavigated Great Britain and explored Germany.
- Erik the Red (950-1003 AD)- Guy who got kicked out of Iceland and sailed to Greenland and settled there.



- Leif Ericson (980-1020 AD) – Son of Eric the Red. He is believed to be the first person to land in the Americas.



- Marco Polo (1254- 1324) – An Italian guy who became familiar with the China Sea, the Malacca Strait and the Indian Ocean.



- Ibn Battuta (1304-1377) – A Moroccan Berber who became familiar with much of the Islamic world and beyond. Including North Africa, West Africa, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe in the west, to the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and parts of China.



- Zheng He (1371-1433) – Chinese Muslim eunuch who eventually became the head of the Chinese fleets. He became familiar with the Indian Ocean, Asia, and parts of Africa. There is a theory that the Chinese reached the Americas before Columbus...Fact of Fiction?



Why does Europe begin to explore?

- What things did we learn about that were occurring in Europe that might have lead to or enabled exploration?

- **Renaissance**- new ideas and new knowledge
- **Scientific Revolution**- new technology that improved sea travel
- **Absolutism**- Absolutist leaders wanted more land and more power.