**Explorer Study Guide**

Christopher Columbus Bartolomeu Dias

Vasco da Gama Marco Polo

Prince Henry the Navigator Henry Hudson

For each explorer you need to prove your knowledge of the following:

1. Where was he originally from (home country)?
2. What was his main goal?
3. Who sponsored him?
4. What was his most significant discovery?
5. Did he achieve his goal? Part of it? None of it?

Think about the following questions…

* Why was Prince Henry such an influential and important “explorer”?
* Why is Marco Polo’s journey so widely known today?
* Why is Christopher Columbus considered controversial?
* Why did Dias’s discovery have so much impact on the future of exploration even though he wasn’t successful?

What major impact did each explorer have on the world? The major impact would answer the question. Why are we studying him now?