



# Explorers & Mapmakers of Canada



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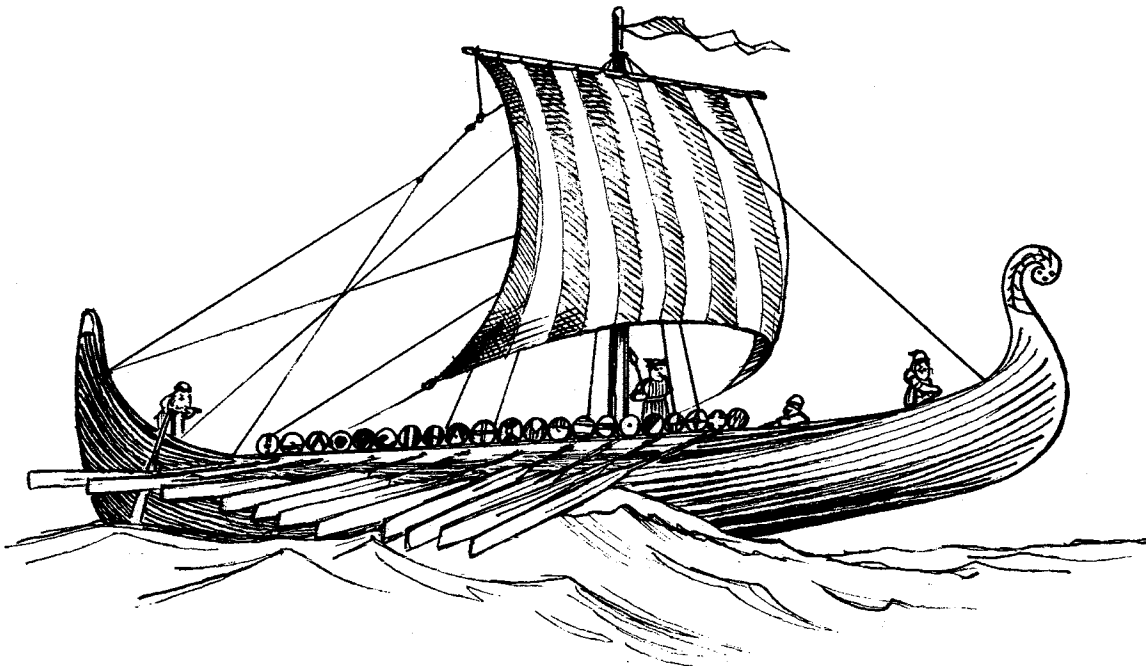
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## Expectations

This unit "**Explorers and Mapmakers of Canada**" focuses on the contributions made by European explorers to the territorial claims of Canada. By the end of this unit the students will:

- identify early explorers and describe their impact on the development of Canada;
- identify early explorers such as the Vikings, English and French;
- explain the reasons for their explorations such as spices, furs and trade;
- identify the technological developments and cultural factors that led to the exploration of North America;
- identify the consequences of contact between Canada's First Nations and European explorers and traders;
- work with historical maps and interpret the data available;
- identify the difficulties and hardships faced by these explorers;
- communicate information, using media works, oral presentations, written notes and descriptions, drawings, tables, charts, maps and graphs.



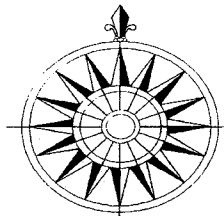


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## Teacher Input Suggestions

1. Divide your class into groups of five or six. This will help with marking and allow more personal contact.
2. Encourage the students to brainstorm ideas and record them on chart paper or the chalkboard.
3. Have the students make a rough copy of all research reports. Encourage them to have their rough copies proof read and initialled by two persons. This encourages peer sharing and self-correcting. Insist that their final copies be their best effort.
4. The activities and fact sheets in this unit may be used as learning centres.
5. Select films and videos that support this unit. Encourage the students to investigate sites on the Internet which support this unit.
6. The vocabulary provided can be used for daily spelling and dictionary skills.
7. Select music which is appropriate to this unit.
8. Plan a trip to an historical site which can be incorporated into this unit.
9. Invite a guest speaker who is familiar with the topic.
10. Have the students bring in newspaper and magazine articles that deal with aspects of exploration. Discuss the articles with your class. Look for feedback.
11. Read stories and poetry written about explorers and exploration, and allow for class or group discussion.
12. Use art activities to decorate the classroom.
13. Use drama activities to entertain the class and other classes in the school.
14. Have the students keep track of their activities by using the tracking sheet provided.





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## Vocabulary List

### Explorers

Vancouver  
Dias  
Cartier  
La Vérendrye  
Fraser  
McClure

Polo  
Magellan  
Cabot  
Radisson  
Hudson  
Frobisher

Réal  
Fagundes  
Champlain  
Mackenzie  
Davis  
De Verrazano

Columbus  
Vikings  
Brûlé  
Cook  
Franklin  
Drake

### Places

Markland  
New France

Cathay  
Africa

Mexico  
Vineland

New Spain  
West Indies

### Sailing and Instruments

whipstaff  
main deck  
caulking iron  
sheet  
knots  
mizzen-mast

clinker  
hot pitch  
oar  
nose-bearing dial  
bow  
rudder

wood sheathing  
poopdeck  
hourglass  
brace  
stern  
cargo-hold

caulking mapcarvel  
fathom  
compass  
astrolabe  
fore-mast

### Peoples of the New World

Aztec  
Algonkian  
Iroquois  
Salish

Incas  
Micmac  
Assiniboine  
Haida

Naskapi  
Ojibway  
Kwakiutl  
Slave

Inuit  
Cree  
Nootka

### Foods of the New World

spices  
avocado  
pumpkins  
cod

herbs  
peppers  
squash  
seal

corn  
potatoes  
bison  
berries

maize  
tomatoes  
caribou



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