EXPLORING NORTH AMERICA

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3. List four sources of food that were introduced to Europeans during the Columbian Exchange. Then list four foods that were introduced to the Americas.

4. What three European nations, other than Spain and Portugal, explored and claimed land in the Americas in the 1500’s and 1600’s?
Rivalries between countries, the search for a Northwest Passage to Asia, and early trading activities led to increased exploration of North America.
A NORTHWEST PASSAGE

- Europeans still searched for better water routes to Asia.
- They looked for a more direct water route *through* North America.
The first contact between Native Americans and Europeans began an exchange of plants, animals and diseases that changed life throughout the world.
THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

New to Europe
- Corn
- Potatoes
- Chocolate
- Turkey
- Tobacco
- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Sweet potatoes

New to the Americas
- Cows
- Horses
- Oranges
- Rice
- Chicken
- Smallpox
- Wheat
- Onions
In 1497, John Cabot explored the Atlantic coast of North America.

England used Cabot’s voyages as the basis for its claims in North America.
The French viewed North America as an opportunity to profit from fur trading and fishing, rather than a place to settle.

In 1608, France began setting up trading posts in Quebec and other parts of what is today Canada.
Cartier searched for a northwest passage to Asia. He explored the St. Lawrence waterways to Montreal. He discovered that Newfoundland was a single large island.

La Salle became the first European to trace the Mississippi River to its mouth, the Gulf of Mexico. La Salle claimed the Mississippi River valley for France.
THE DUTCH IN NORTH AMERICA

- In 1609, Henry Hudson sailed through what is today the Hudson River and the Hudson Bay.

- The Dutch claimed the land near these waterways and established a settlement known as New Netherland in the 1620’s.

- The center of the settlement was New Amsterdam located on today’s Manhattan Island.