

Chapter 1

A New World

A Sainly Explorer

1. What did Saint Ita, the mother of Saint Brendan the Navigator, reply to the young boy who asked her what were the three things God loved the most?

God loves the true faith that comes from a _____ heart. He loves the simple religious _____ and the generous kindness of Christian love. And three things He hates: a scowling _____, stubborn wrongdoing and too much _____ in money.

2. Underline all of the correct descriptions of Saint Brendan's boat:



Called a *coracle*

Looked like an upside down umbrella

Made of steel

Very large

Smearred with animal fat

Oxen hides stretched over a wooden frame

Vikings Explorers Discover a New World

Eric the Red and Leif the Lucky

1. True or false?

- a. [_____] Like other families, Eric the Red, his wife, and their children spent the evenings listening to stories called **sagas**, which told of great Viking heroes and their deeds.
- b. [_____] The Vikings had settled such faraway lands as Russia and northern France, and had even crossed into the Mediterranean Sea.
- c. [_____] Eric discovered the cold shores of a land before unknown to the Vikings. Eric called the new land “Land of Paradise” in order to attract settlers.
- d. [_____] Leif the Lucky went to Norway, spent a year in King Olav’s court and became a Christian. He then brought the faith to Greenland.
- e. [_____] Some locations in North America that the Vikings may have discovered include Vancouver, Alaska and California.
- f. [_____] The first land Leif reached when he left towards the west was not very encouraging. It was flat and stony, and Leif named it “Flat-Stone Land.”
- g. [_____] Leif gave the name “Vinland” to what is thought to be the northern tip of Newfoundland because of the squash vines that grew all over the plains.

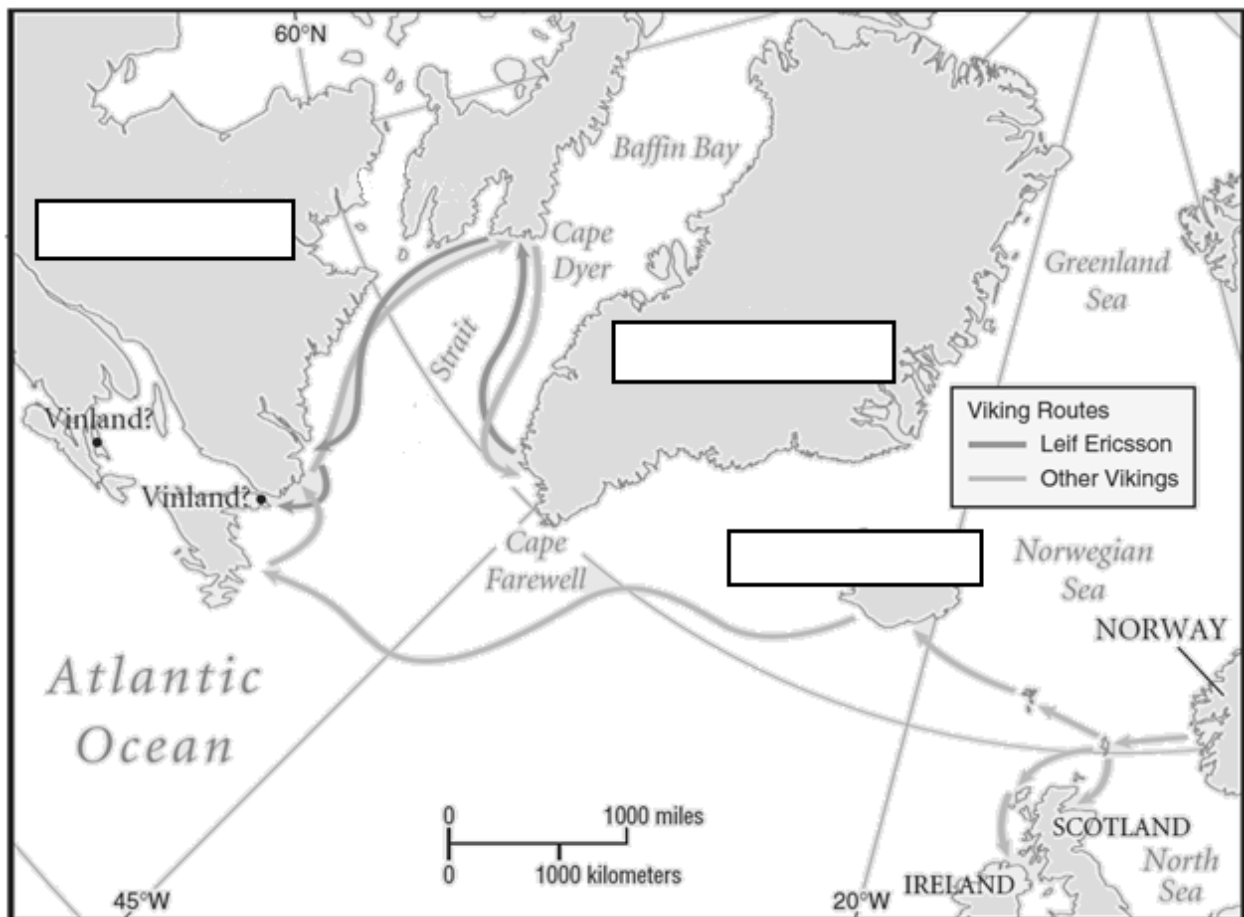


Vikings Settle Vinland

1. Fill in the blanks:

- a. Thorfinn Karlsefni was the first Viking to attempt to settle _____.
- b. Thorfinn followed the same route as _____.
- c. During the first autumn, Thorfinn's wife, Gudrid, gave birth to a _____, whom they named Snorri. He was the first _____ born in North America.

2. Label the countries **Iceland**, **Greenland** and **Canada** in the map below:



White Indians

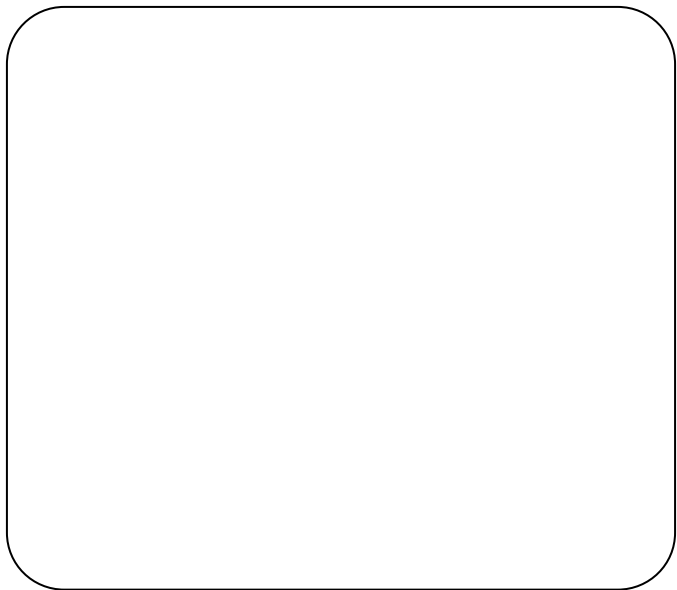
1. Mark some of the clues that point to a possible presence of Welsh settlers in the United States.

- a. [] The Mandan language, some said, was similar to Welsh.
- b. [] The Mandans' boats, too, were similar to Welsh boats.
- c.[] The ruins of an old fortress that some say the Indians could not have built. In fact, the fortress looks very much like castles found in Wales.
- d.[] Fruit trees were found to be the same as in Wales.
- e. [] Some people claim to have found Welsh helmets and armor, as well as Roman coins, in Kentucky and Ohio.
- f. [] There were traces of European dishes found.
- g. [] A Cherokee Indian chief named Oconostota told him that "white people" had built the fortresses in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Asked what these white people were called, Oconostota said his grandfather and father had called them "Welsh."

2. Using the illustration and quote as a models, draw a Mandan boat.



"The Mandans' boats, too, were similar to Welsh boats. They looked like teacups without handles!"



Admiral of the Ocean Sea

Westward, across the Sea

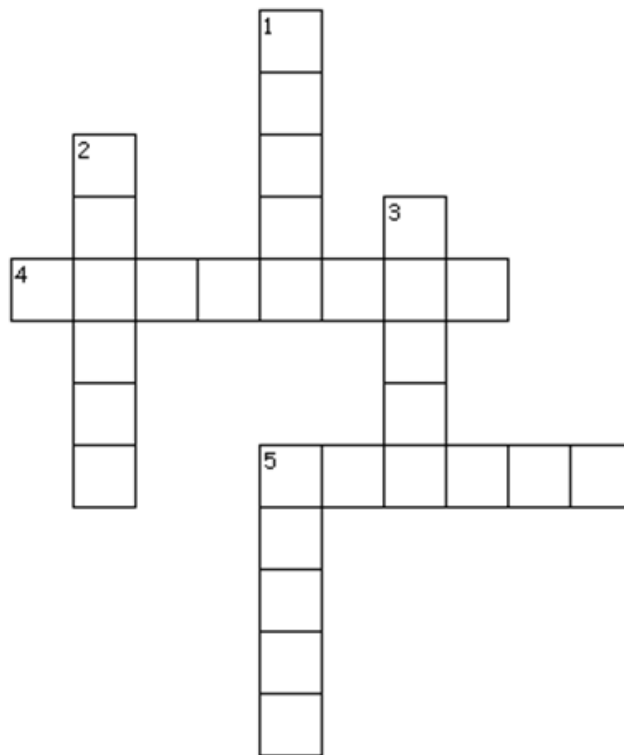


1. Match the historical character to the correct description:

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| a. Prince Henry the Navigator | [] a Franciscan priest |
| b. Christopher Columbus | [] a Portuguese captain who found a route to the Indies |
| c. John II | [] was busy fighting a war with Granada |
| d. Bartolomeu Dias | [] the son of the king of Portugal |
| e. Queen Isabella | [] King of Portugal |
| f. King Ferdinand | [] In 1476, he was shipwrecked off the coast of Portugal |
| g. Father Juan Perez | [] Catholic Monarch |

Voyage into Unknown Waters

2. Crossword puzzle:



Across

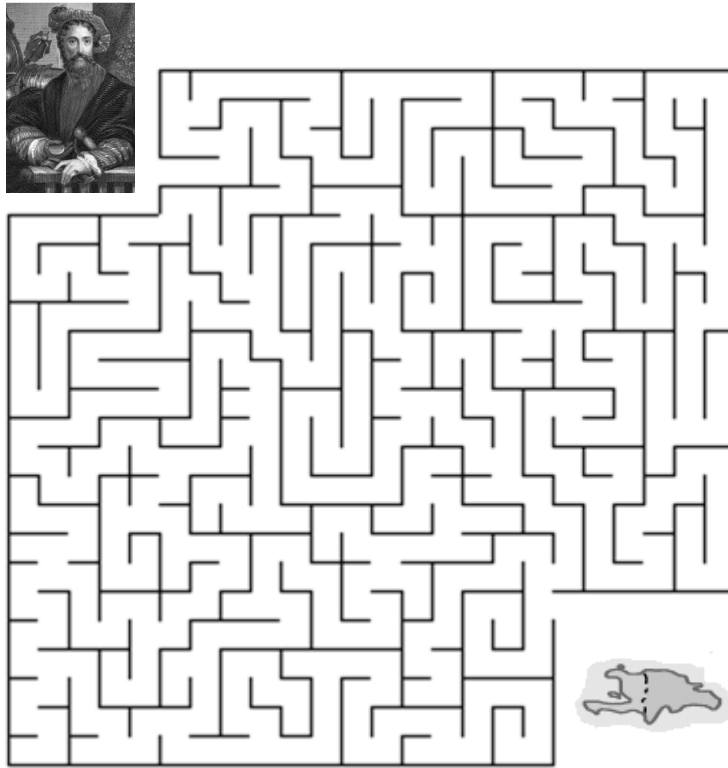
- 4. Columbus called the land San _____
- 5. The crew threatened to _____

Down

- 1. Columbus' other ships were the Nina and the _____
- 2. Columbus' sailors would greet the morning with _____
- 3. Few sailors went far from the _____
- 5. Columbus flagship was the Santa _____

In Search of Japan and China

3. Help Columbus find the island of Hispaniola, where he first saw signs of gold:



Settlement of the "Indies"

4. Fill in the blanks:

- When he returned, Columbus was honored as a _____.
- In his next voyage west, Columbus had _____ ships instead of just three!
- He found the settlement destroyed and built a new one called _____.
- On his third voyage he found the continent of _____.
- He was shipped back to Spain in _____ but later pardoned by Isabella.
- He went on one last trip but failed to find a passage to _____.

Other Spanish Explorers

1. Short answers:

- a. Did Spain send other explorers to the Indies besides Columbus? _____
- b. What river was found in the northern coast of South America? _____
- c. Because of Amerigo Vespucci's book, what did people in Europe come to call all the newly discovered lands? _____
- d. What was Ponce de León looking for? _____
- e. What is *Pascua Florida* in English? _____
- f. Vasco Núñez de Balboa saw a new ocean. What did he call it? _____
- g. Balboa's discovery showed that Columbus had found something very important. What was it?

2. Label the **Atlantic** and the **Pacific** Oceans in the map below:

