European Explorers

- Fill in the chart with three achievements of the explorers.
- Be sure to include the European country they sailed for (Country of Origin).
- This goes on page 18 of your Social Studies notebook.
- Click on the names with a blue hyperlink to watch the PBS video about their journey and influence/achievements.
Bartolomeu Dias

- Born in Portugal, sailed for Portugal.
- Dias sailed for Portugal and was in search of a new trade route to Asia.
- He was trying to sail around Africa to reach India. He got around Africa, but his crew requested to go back.
- He found the Cape of Good Hope at the Southern tip of Africa. His ship wrecked on a later voyage and he drowned.
Vasco da Gama

- Born in Portugal, sailed for Portugal.
- Da Gama continued the same route that Dias discovered around Africa to India. He also sailed for Portugal.
- He made it to India and worked to set up trading posts there.
- He was violent against the natives (He did not get along with them sometimes and had his trading posts destroyed.)
Christopher Columbus

- Born in Italy, sailed for Spain.
- Funded by the King Ferdinand (not Magellan!) and Queen Isabella of Spain.
- He took multiple voyages west in an attempt to reach Asia and find a new trade route.
- He landed in the New World (in the Caribbean islands), built settlements, and enslaved natives.
Juan Ponce de Leon

- Born in Spain, sailed for Spain.
- He joined Columbus on his second voyage; he also sailed for Spain.
- He became governor of Puerto Rico and supposedly heard about the Fountain of Youth.
- His expedition led him to discover and claim the land of Florida. He was attacked by natives and died of his wounds.
Ferdinand Magellan

- Born in Portugal, sailed for Spain.
- He sailed for Spain and wanted to make it around the world; he discovered the Strait of Magellan and the Pacific Ocean.
- He was killed by natives in the Philippines (island country in southeast Asia)
- His crew continued in his honor and finished the voyage.
Sir Francis Drake

- Sir Francis Drake sailed for England. He was knighted by the queen.
- He is the first person to make it around the world alive.
- He sailed for three years and went over 30,000 miles; he has both positive and negative interactions with natives.
John Cabot

- Born in Italy, sailed for England.
- He went west and landed in Canada where he named the land “Newfoundland”
- On his final voyage, he was possibly lost at sea and never heard from again.
- He was one of the first Europeans to reach mainland America.