**Study Guide: U.S. History – Explorers**

“In the year of 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue”

Causes Age of Exploration

* + Feudalism
  + Crusades
  + Renaissance
  + Protestant Reformation

Name two technological advances that helped the Age of Exploration: Compass, new ships – carrack, quadrant, astrolabe

Mercantilism

Three G’s of Exploration

Portugal

* + Kick off the Age of Exploration
  + Prince Henry the Navigator
  + Find route around Africa
  + Discover Brazil
  + Explorer Amerigo Vespucci – gives America its name

Columbus

* + Sails for Spain
  + 3 ships – Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria
  + Financed by Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand – want him to spread Christianity
  + Heading west to reach the east
  + Thinks he reaches Asia – calls natives Indians
  + Controversial for his treatment of the natives

Conquistadors – Conquerors

Cortes – conquers Mexico and the Aztecs

Pizarro – conquers Peru and Incas

2 things Europeans gave Indians

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Columbian Exchange

Henry Hudson

* + Seeks Northwest Passage
  + Claims lands for England and the Dutch
  + Helps Dutch claim New York