**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

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Columbian Exchange

Henry Hudson

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