



**Chapter 3: Exploration and Colonization**  
**Section 1: An Era of Exploration – Pages 68-72**

**As You Read:** Write the correct words into the crossword puzzle. Some of the answers have multiple words and must be written without a space between words. Spell Carefully.

- ① **10 Across:** In 1001, Viking sailors led by \_\_\_\_\_ reached the northern tip of North America. This was the first time in recorded history that Europeans reached the new world.
2. **2 Across:** Some historians suggest that Asians continued to cross the Bering Strait into North America after the last ice age ended. Others believe that ancient seafarers from \_\_\_\_\_ may have traveled to the Americas.
3. **1 Down:** Spain wanted a share of the Asian spice trade. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to finance a voyage of exploration by Christopher \_\_\_\_\_, an Italian sea captain who planned to reach India by sailing west across the Atlantic.
- ④ **11 Down:** At dawn of October 12, 1492, Columbus rowed ashore and planted the banner of \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach of an island in the Bahamas. He had accidentally reached the Americas instead of the East Indies, though he never did realize his mistake.
- ⑤ **12 Across:** Columbus also described the “Indians” he had met, the \_\_\_\_\_. Columbus promised the Spanish that the Indians could be easily converted to Christianity and could also be used as slaves.
- ⑥ **7 Down:** Columbus has long been honored as the bold sea captain who “discovered America.” Today, we recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ Americans had already discovered and settled these lands long before 1492. Columbus never actually discovered anything.
- ⑦ **4 Down:** Columbus’ daring voyages marked the beginning of lasting \_\_\_\_\_ among the peoples of Europe, Africa and the Americas.
8. **6 Down:** For better or worse, the voyages of Columbus signaled a \_\_\_\_\_ - a moment in history that changes the world forever.
9. **2 Down:** In 1513, Balboa plunged into the jungles of Panama and reached the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. He stood in the crashing surf and claimed the ocean for Spain.
10. **13 Across:** The Spanish had no idea how wide the Pacific was until a sea captain named Ferdinand \_\_\_\_\_ sailed across it.
- ⑪ **3 Down:** In 1522, only one ship and 18 sailors from Magellan’s crew returned to Spain. They were the first people to \_\_\_\_\_, or sail completely around, the world.
- ⑫ **14 Across:** The encounter between the peoples of the Eastern and Western \_\_\_\_\_ sparked a global exchange of food, medicine, ideas, technology, arts and languages called the **Columbian Exchange**.
- ⑬ **8 Down:** Tragically, Europeans also brought new \_\_\_\_\_, such as smallpox and influenza. Within 75 year, diseases from Europe had killed almost 90 % of the people in the Caribbean and Mexico.
- ⑭ **9 Down:** Today, almost \_\_\_\_\_ of the world’s food crops come from plants that were first grown in the Americas.
15. **5 Across:** Some leaders studied Native American political structures. Benjamin Franklin admired the League of the \_\_\_\_\_ and urged colonists to unite in a similar way.

