

EUROPEAN EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION OF AMERICA

Country	Reasons for Exploration	Areas Explored (Areas of Greatest Influence)	Negative Consequences	Positive and Lasting Contributions to American Life
Spain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Wealth & Power</u>—Asian trade, gold & silver, land & colonies <u>Religion</u>—convert Native Americans to Roman Catholic Church <u>Nationalism</u>—Competition with Italy, Portugal, & England; fame & glory <u>Renaissance</u> spirit of curiosity, adventure, etc. 	<p>West Indies Mexico Florida Southwest U.S. Texas Central America South America</p>	<p><u>Slavery</u> (Native Americans & Africans) <u>Diseases</u> (killed millions of Native Americans) <u>Forced</u> Native Americans to convert to Roman Catholic Church, work as slaves, and give up gold & silver <u>Authoritarian</u> government and rigid social class system Introduced <u>guns</u> and armor</p>	<p><u>Language</u> (Place names—Rio Grande, San Antonio, Florida; common words—patio, canyon, rodeo, hurricane, cafeteria) <u>Religion</u> (Roman Catholic Church) <u>Ranching</u> Industry (first horses, cattle) <u>Mining</u> Industry <u>Farm Crops</u> (wheat, sugar cane, citrus fruits) <u>Architecture</u> (buildings with central open courtyards or patios; flat roofs)</p>
France	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Wealth & Power</u>—looking for the Northwest Passage to Asia, fur trade, land & colonies Religion—convert Native Americans to the Roman Catholic Church Nationalism—competition with Spain and England, fame & glory Renaissance spirit of curiosity, adventure, etc. 	<p>St. Lawrence River (Canada) Great Lakes Mississippi River (Louisiana)</p>	<p><u>Diseases</u> (killed millions of Native Americans) <u>Peasant</u> system of farming (rich landlords lived in France owned farms in Canada, poor workers sent from France to work on them) <u>Fur trade</u> (fur traders lived peacefully in Native American villages, but they traded guns for furs and incited Native Americans to attack English colonies; millions of animals killed for fur) <u>Guns</u></p>	<p><u>Language</u> (Place names—Louisiana, New Orleans, Baton Rouge; common words--prairie) <u>Religion</u> (Roman Catholic Church) (missionaries lived peacefully in Native American villages) <u>Architecture</u> (2 story houses with verandahs—covered porches; wrought iron railings) <u>Respect</u> for Native American culture</p>

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England	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Wealth & Power</u>—looking for the Northwest Passage to Asia, fishing grounds, fur & lumber trade, land & colonies <u>Religion</u>—freedom of religion in different Protestant churches <u>Nationalism</u>—competition with Spain, France, & Netherlands, fame & glory <u>Renaissance</u> spirit of curiosity, adventure, etc. <u>Conflicts</u> with government (escaping from a government and/or religion to live according their own beliefs) 	<u>Atlantic Coast</u> of North America (13 English colonies) <u>Hudson Bay</u> in Canada	<u>Diseases</u> (killed millions of Native Americans) <u>Conflicts</u> with Native Americans—taking land, fencing fields, cutting down trees, & killing game Importing African <u>slaves</u> Use of African & European <u>indentured servants</u> <u>Tobacco</u> industry <u>Guns</u>	American concepts of <u>law & government</u> (self-government, representative assemblies, written laws, equality under the law, religious freedom, right of people to disagree with their government, etc.) <u>Language</u> (major language of U.S.) <u>Religion</u> (religious diversity, many Protestant churches) <u>Cash crop agriculture</u> (people owning and working their own land, growing crops to sell for profit) <u>Joint-stock companies</u> (basic organization of business corporations today) <u>Architecture</u> (standard 1 or 2 story house, sloped roof, wooden boards or brick)
Nether-Lands (Dutch)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Wealth & Power</u>—looking for the Northwest Passage to Asia, fur trade, land & colonies <u>Religion</u> (Roman Catholic Church) <u>Nationalism</u>—competition with England, Spain, & France; fame & glory <u>Renaissance</u> spirit of curiosity, adventure, etc. 	Hudson River in <u>New York</u> (founded New York City—known as the city of New Amsterdam in the New Netherlands)	<u>Diseases</u> (killed millions of Native Americans) <u>Fur trade</u> which led to animal slaughter <u>Guns</u>	Language (Place names—Harlem, Bronx, Catskill Mts.; common words—cookie, boss, spook) <u>Architecture</u> (brick houses with steep roofs, stair-step gables along the roof, brightly colored wood trim)