

# EARLY EXPLORER PROJECT

After doing research on an early explorer of North America, Grade 4 will create a PowerPoint presentation that will include a picture of your explorer, if possible, and a map of the explorer's route. **Your child will receive a Social Study Grade and a Computer Grade for this project.**

## DIRECTIONS:

- You must use two different sources encyclopedia or book and the Internet. Read the information you gather and determine what information you need to create your Slides on PowerPoint. Remember the information should be in your own words. The following sites are good resources.
- **Here are some Internet Sites on Explorers: (*Press Control Key and click with your mouse and it will bring you to the sites.*)**

**[KidsInfoBits](#)** (Kids InfoBits can be found on the St. Francis Media Section of the school website. Click on St. Francis Media Center; scroll over to Library and click, then click on Kids InfoBits, Reference Databases. If it ask for a password, type in library, and then scroll down and click on Kids InfoBits. Type in the name of your Explorer, and click search.) Also, there are a number of references to use in this section.

**<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/indexb.shtml>**(*“Zoom - Explorers” - Click on the letter of your explorer and scroll down.*)

**<http://library.thinkquest.org/J002428F/default.htm>**(*Magellan, Cortez, Columbus, Ericson and Drake.*)

**<http://www.win.tue.nl/~engels/discovery/alpha.html>**(*Click on the letter of your explorer.*)

**<http://www.floridahistory.com/inset11.html>** (Only for explorers that landed in Florida.)

- The image of your explorer and the image of the map will be done in class. The information on your Explorer's route must be done at home.
- Attached you will find the set up for the Slides where you can write your information. **This must be brought to Computer Class each week.** Also attached is your Works Cited Sheet, which is mentioned above. All of these sheets are also available to download on the OLA website at the St. Francis Media Center link (mentioned above). Find Grade 4 Explorer Project and you should be able to print it out as a PDF file. Use this resource if your child forgets to bring home their Explorer Project Packet.

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*Information for each Slide is to be done @ home!*

## SLIDE 1: Cover and Contents

Name of your Explorer:

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## SLIDE 2: Who was he?

Write facts in bullet form. Keep your information of your Explorer to short facts including the following information. When and where was your Explorer born? What country did your explorer represent? Why is this explorer famous? What was your explorer hoping to find? Include any interesting facts you find about your explorer. **There should be a minimum of 10 facts.**

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# SLIDE 3: Map

While researching your Explorer, find the route he took to make his discovery. On this Slide you will need to **explain** the route. Write your information as **bullet facts**. Where did your explorer start his voyage (Where did he leave from?) Where did he sail? Remember your explorer may have been looking for a certain location but may have discovered something entirely different. If your explorer had many voyages, pick one to explain in full and mention the others. Know the places that are talked about during the journey. (Example – left Azores – where are the Azores and what country does it represent?)

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# SLIDE 4: TRIUMPHS AND/OR DISASTERS

Was your explorer's adventure(s) a success? What did he discover? Did your explorer experience any disasters or failures? For each of these questions, write facts to support your answers. **(Bullet form) There should be a minimum of 4 facts in total.**

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