

Exploration of North America

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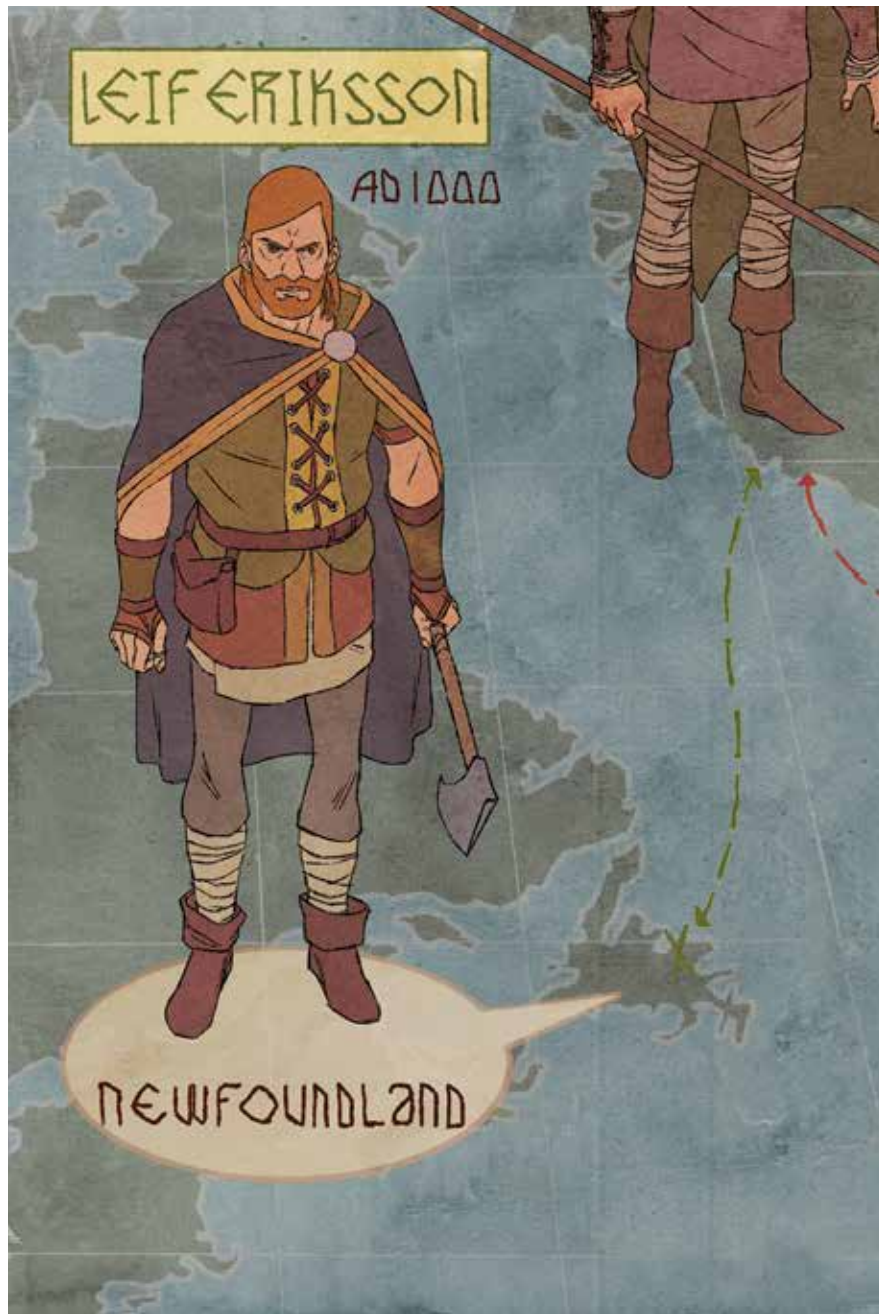
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Introduction



c. 30,000–c. 15,000 BCE:
Estimated range
of time when first
peoples arrived in
North America and
lived as hunter-
gatherers.

Introduction



In c. 1000 CE, Leif Eriksson and his crew landed in North America.

CHAPTER 1: Early Spanish Explorers



Christopher Columbus made four voyages to the Americas between 1492–1504.

Big Question: What were European explorers searching for when they sailed west?

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Ponce de León landed in Florida in 1513.

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CHAPTER 2: De Soto's Long March



During the expedition of 1539–1541, Hernando de Soto and his men became the first Europeans to see the Mississippi River.

Big Question: What regions in North America did de Soto explore, and what was he looking for?

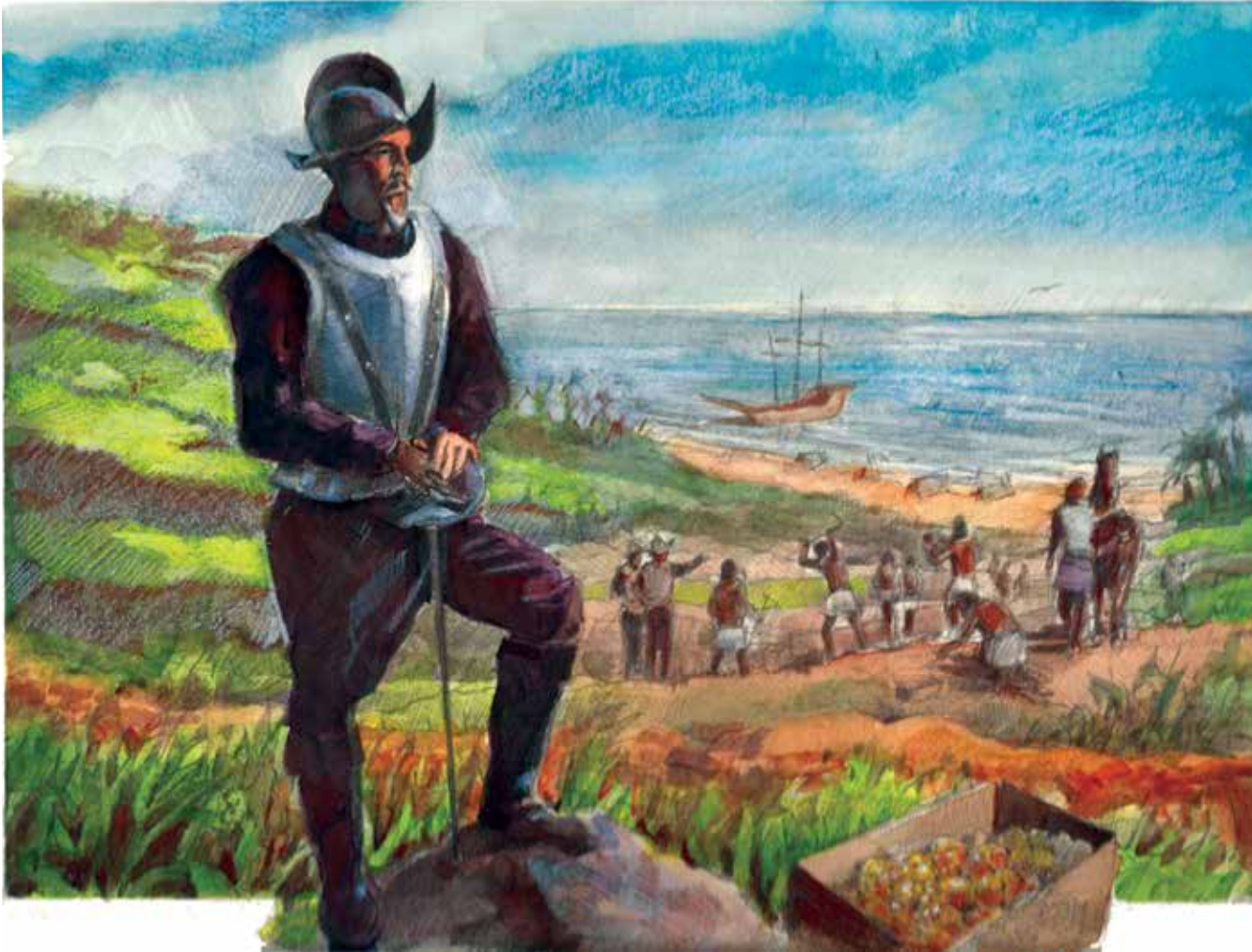
CHAPTER 3: The Search for El Dorado



In 1540, Francisco Vázquez de Coronado and his men searched for the Seven Cities of Cibola.

Big Question: Why did Coronado and others explore what is now the American Southwest?

CHAPTER 4: Spanish North America



The Spanish built settlements in Florida, starting with St. Augustine in 1565.

Big Question: Why did the Spanish decide to build settlements in North America, north of Mexico?

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Native Americans struggled to stop the Spanish from taking their land. In 1680, a Pueblo healer named Popé led a Pueblo revolt against the Spanish.

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During the 1700s, the Spanish established settlements in the Southwest. Roman Catholic priests established missions throughout the region, and in California.

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CHAPTER 5: Exploring for England



In 1497, John Cabot landed in northeastern Canada (Newfoundland), part of the continental landmass later known as North America.

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In 1609–1610, Henry Hudson explored what is now the area of New York as well as a strait and a bay in northern Canada.

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CHAPTER 6: Champlain and New France



Samuel de Champlain searched for the Northwest Passage and, in 1608, established the Canadian trading post of Quebec on the St. Lawrence River.

Big Question: What were some of the things that Champlain noticed about the St. Lawrence River Valley that made it a good place to settle?

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During the 1600s, the French established more settlements along the St. Lawrence, leading to the French colony that became known as New France.

Big Question: What were some of the things that Champlain noticed about the St. Lawrence River Valley that made it a good place to settle?