

# Explorer Cards – Answer Key

| Explorer               | Date | Country  | Accurate / Formal Discovery          | Elementary School Expected Answer |
|------------------------|------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Christopher Columbus   | 1492 | Spain    | Bahamas / Caribbean Islands          | Bahamas                           |
| Hernando Cortéz        | 1519 | Spain    | Aztec Empire (Mexico)                | Mexico                            |
| Francisco Pizarro      | 1532 | Spain    | Inca Empire (Peru)                   | Peru / Inca Empire                |
| Hernando de Soto       | 1539 | Spain    | Mississippi River                    | Mississippi River                 |
| Vasco Núñez Balboa     | 1513 | Spain    | Pacific Ocean                        | Pacific Ocean                     |
| Bartolomeu Dias        | 1488 | Portugal | Cape of Good Hope                    | Cape of Good Hope                 |
| Vasco da Gama          | 1498 | Portugal | Sea Route to India                   | Sea Route to India                |
| Ferdinand Magellan     | 1519 | Spain    | First Circumnavigation of the Globe  | Trip Around the World             |
| Jacques Cartier        | 1534 | France   | St. Lawrence River / Canada          | Canada                            |
| Sir Francis Drake      | 1577 | England  | California Coast / Circumnavigation  | California                        |
| John Cabot             | 1497 | England  | Newfoundland / Eastern North America | Newfoundland                      |
| Giovanni da Verrazzano | 1524 | France   | New York Harbor / Atlantic Coast     | New York Harbor                   |

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