New York's European Explorers

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Build a word wall. Introduce vocabulary of the discipline or allow students to build this **Preparation** during their learning adventure. Prepare vocabulary bookmarks to be handed out after the word wall is done to be used during the writing process. Plan for ways to engage learners and to generate thinking in the discipline of social studies. Identify BIG IDEAS that unify content and promote understanding using the EQ, themes, and concepts. Determine your "Knowledge Product"—writing assignment with expectations for audience, purpose, and task.

Preassessment Ideas

• RAN Chart: Recreate the RAN Chart (see example below) on the board. Ask the students to tell you what they think they know about the topic of the book to be read. Record their responses on the chart. You may wish to have students create their own RAN charts and archive this as an individual preassessment. While reading, the students should pay attention to how the new information connects to their previous knowledge. Does it confirm what they thought they knew? Did they have any misconceptions? This can be done as a group or individual activity.

What I Think I Know	Confirmed	Misconceptions	New Learning	Wonderings
Columbus discovered America. He was looking for Asia.	Explorers came from Europe seeking new lands and natural resources. Columbus first discovered North America, but thought he was in Asia.	Explorers always treated Native Ameri- cans with fairness in return for help.	Native Americans were the first people of New York. They arrived 13,000 to 14,000 years ago. Explorers came from many European nations.	What actually happened to Native Americans when Europeans interacted with them?

- Wall of Fame Walk: Post pictures on the wall of the "famous faces" from this Spotlight on New York book. Ask the students to identify explorers and tell you who they were and what their role was in discovering the "New World." (Verrazano, Champlain, Hudson, Block)
- Using Padlet.com or Post-it notes, ask students to answer some of the essential questions. Archive the beginning knowledge.
- Using a map of New York or North America ask students to chart the following boat voyages (water routes), and ask them to note specific New York events: Henry Hudson, Adriaen Block, Samuel de Champlain, and Giovanni da Verrazzano. Archive. Save for postassessment.

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Set the Stage Create a timeline of journeys of key explorers from Europe to the New World. Generate a map using different colors and images to show the geography of their with a special focus on New York. In an information to knowledge journey, collaboratively create and display a serie travel logs for Verrazano, Champlain, and Hudson using drawings and captions.	es of Leave the	
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travel logs on display, and develop and revise as you read the eBook and other so information.		
Close Reading / Purposeful Reading Using the essential questions and guiding questions as the purpose for reading, students read the entire book at least once. Choose read aloud, guided, or independent of the purpose for reading to each student's reading level.		
 Consider the VIPs: Very Important Points and People graphic organizer as a for close reading this book. Ask students to work in pairs to spotlight their cho Hold an evidence-based discussion after completion of this task. This is good device classrooms. 	ices.	
 After reading the text with a purpose and doing close reading, students development of the purpose and the history of New You European explorers. 	•	
 Use guiding questions to spark curiosity and build connections between peopl and geography. 	e, events,	
Share your questions and connections with your peers.		
Concept Mapping / Using the Cause-Effect-Why Chart graphic organizer, ask students to make confrom the text.	Using the Cause-Effect-Why Chart graphic organizer , ask students to make connections from the text.	
The causes and effects of European exploration in New York		
The causes and effects of a quest for valuable resources in New York		
The causes and effects of European interactions with Native Americans		
The causes and effects of discoveries and technology to support exploration		

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Deep Meaning How were Henry Hudson's goals unrealistic?		Deep Meaning	How were Henry Hudson's goals unrealistic?
What if New York had never been discovered by Europeans?			What if New York had never been discovered by Europeans?
What compromises could have been used to help change the history of New York for the better?			,

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Building an Evidence-Based Claim	Possible focus questions for an evidence-based claim identifying a decision or action that presented opposing perspectives during the Age of Exploration:		
	 How did the achievements of European explorers justify their risks and impacts on the New World? 		
	How did natural resources define the quest for exploration?		
	How did the impact of European explorers and colonists on Native Americans change their immediate and distant future?		
	How did New York's history change for the better and the worse from 1400 to 1650?		
	How did economics or geography produce a New World map in the Age of Exploration?		
	 How would the history of exploration in New York inform present and future explorers of this world and others? 		
Metacognitive Modeling	Model using the Identifying Main Ideas and Details graphic organizer. Students in groups use the graphic organizer for chapters under consideration to analyze text for main ideas and supportive details. They share and generate a map of their big ideas.		
	Model the Cause-Effect-Why Chart graphic organizer . Students in groups analyze text to identify and connect significant causes and effects involving events or people in the text. They share and generate a map of their ideas. See concept mapping above.		
	Model Drawing Conclusions from Information graphic organizer . Students in groups practice drawing conclusions from information, and share their process of deciding.		
	Model CEI: Claim, Evidence, and Interpretation from the IFC with 7th graders as a guided practice exercise preliminary to their independent development of an evidence-based claim.		
Prewriting Activities	Decide on a choice of topic for a writing activity using concept maps or mind maps, or the drawings and captions for the travel logs of explorers.		
	Discuss and chart possible focus questions from a postreading RAN activity.		
	Use graphic organizers for determining and supporting main ideas and a conclusion		
	Share the rubric for a quality final product.		
	Use Planning a Historical Fiction Narrative from Engageny Grade 4		
	Use Evidence-Based Claim handouts from Odell:		
	EBC Criteria Checklist I — G6-8 EBC Criteria Checklist II — G6-8 Forming EBC Handout Text-Centered Discussion Checklist		

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Shared Knowledge Product / Postassessment Ideas

Writing Activities to Support a Conclusion

- Narrative, detailed travel log or diary from a specific perspective
- Expository writing and reenactment of an Explorer's News from the Scene
- Expository: Write postcards from European captains back to their "financier."
- Expository: Write an Explorer's Code of Ethics that would have changed the past, and could change the future.
- Persuasive writing to express a viewpoint and support it with evidence
- Write a testimony from Henry Hudson about his life before he was set adrift by his crew in 1610.
- Write a journal entry for a captain sailing up the Hudson River.
- Write a speech from a Native American to early explorers around a council fire.
- Write an argument to support a claim with evidence from multiple texts.

Learning Extensions for Differentiation

- Using a timeline of historical events and people in the Age of Exploration, teams create
 dialogue boxes for tweets from one point in the timeline backward or forward from
 leaders or those who could have been nameless witnesses to history. Use multiple
 information sources to look closely at what your witnesses would say and why.
- Research the world in the Age of Exploration and explain the reasons why the world was transformed at this point in history. Economics, technology, geography, and what was known at the time are important considerations.
- Reenact a very important event from the history of New York in the Age of Exploration.
 Demonstrate understanding of goals, multiple perspectives, risks, geography, and people interacting at a time when change was occurring that would reshape the world.
- Hold a classroom debate using the Decisions and Dilemmas graphic organizer to identify a decision or action in the Age of Exploration that involves opposing perspectives:
 - o about the reasons why Europeans crossed unknown waters to explore
 - about reasons why Native Americans lost life and land due to European impact
 - about the process of discovery and how it connects economics and geography
 - about why the Age of Exploration happened when it did

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Accommodations	Active listening: Have English Language Learners or students who are reading below grade level listen to the audio narration in the Interactive eBook as they read along with the text. Students who need practice in listening comprehension may benefit from hearing the audio recording before reading the text.		
Reflection	Questions for reflection: What do I already know? What are the big ideas? What are the connections to me and my world? How do facts and main ideas connect? What are my questions? What do I want/need to know? Why am I doing this? How can I use models to improve my work? How do facts fit together?	Are my questions answered? What do I know? What do I need to know? What conclusions can I make? Is my evidence reliable? How can I organize my ideas? Have I sorted fact from opinion? How can I best share what I know? Who is my audience? How can I use feedback to improve my product? Do I have new questions? What did I do well? What would I change next time?	
Summative Assessment	Writing rubric for narrative or persuasive writing, grade 4 PARCC Grades 4—5 Expanded Rubric for Analytical and Narrative Writing- Engageny or PARCConline New York State Grades 4—5 Writing Evaluation Rubric found in the Educator's Guide to the Grade 4 Common Core English Language Arts Test — Engageny Odell Evidence-Based Writing Rubric Grade 7 — Engageny New York State Grades 6—8 Writing Evaluation Rubric found in the Educator's Guide to the Grade 7 Common Core English Language Arts Test Grades 6 to 11 Expanded Scoring Rubric for Analytic and Narrative Writing — PARCConline Complete preassessment activities, recording growth: Wall of Fame Walk, Padlet with correct answers, writing activities with rubrics.		
Postassessment	Reflecting on your new knowledge, write a script for the Wall of Fame Tour telling not only who the people were, but explaining their impact on America.		

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Vocabulary of the discipline:

See Glossary page 23.

Introduce the vocabulary by listing the words and phrases for students on a word wall. Go over each term and pronounce it several times. Ask the students to explain what they think the term means. When students use vocabulary knowingly, this indicates that they have an understanding of the meaning. Use these words in your grading rubrics to ascertain content mastery. See the introduction for additional vocabulary ideas. Students can benefit from personal bookmarks and other mnemonic devices for helping to build classroom word walls.

adrift	exchange	merchants	voyage
cartographer	expedition	natural resources	wampum
coast	explorers	profitable	water route
colonists	foragers	settlers	
currency	impact	trading posts	
descendants	interactions	traditions	