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| **Name** | **Country They Work for?** | **Date(s)** | **Goal/Discovery/Importance** |
| Marco Polo | Venice, Italy | Left Venice in 1271 | Traveled with his father to Asia (China) to trade; spent 24 years and wrote a book, *The Travels of Marco Polo* (1299) about his adventures in China and influenced later explorers |
| Henry the Navigator |  |  |  |
| Bartolomew Dias |  |  |  |
| Vasco da Gama |  |  |  |
| Christopher Columbus |  |  |  |
| Amerigo Vespucci |  |  |  |
| Ponce de Leon |  |  |  |
| Vasco de Balboa |  |  |  |
| Ferdinand Magellan |  |  |  |
| Hernando Cortes |  |  |  |
| Francisco Pizarro |  |  |  |
| Francisco Vasquez de Coronado |  |  |  |
| Hernando de Soto |  |  |  |
| Giovanni da Verranzano |  |  |  |
| Jacques Cartier |  |  |  |
| John Cabot |  |  |  |
| Henry Hudson |  |  |  |
| Pedro Alvares Cabral |  |  |  |
| Samuel de Champlain |  |  |  |
| Sir Walter Raleigh |  |  |  |

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