**EXPLORERS OF THE NEW WORLD NOTES**

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| **Explorer** | **Years of Exploration** | **Area of Exploration** | **Sponsoring Country** | **Reasons for Exploration** | **Accomplishments** |
| Juan Ponce  de Leon | 1513 | Puerto Rico, Florida | Spain | To find the Fountain of Youth | Claimed the land of Florida for Spain |
| La Salle | 1679-1682 | Mississippi River to Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes | France | He was sent to set up fur trade routes along the Mississippi River. | First European Explorer to sail all the way down the Mississippi River |
| Hernando  De Cortes | 1519-1521 | Land of the Aztecs (Current day Mexico) | Spain | To find Gold | He defeated the Aztecs and built Mexico City. |
| Henry  Hudson | 1608-1610 | Northern coast of North America | England and Holland (Dutch) | In search of the Northwest Passage | Named the Hudson River after himself and claimed land for the Dutch |

In your opinion, who had the most lasting impression on North America **and why**? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_