



Welcome to the Explorers Bingo and Quiz Game!

Preparing the Game:

Print the bingo cards, the clue cards, and the markers (if you choose to use them). If you prefer, you can use beans, buttons, etc. as markers. You may also choose to laminate the cards and marker pages for repeated use.

Cut apart the markers if you are using them.

Cut apart the clue cards and shuffle them well to mix up the clues. There are three clues for each explorer. You will notice a few blank clue cards at the end. You can use some of your own clues if there are facts you would like to include for a particular explorer.

The bingo cards consist of two pictures each of twelve different explorers and a free space. This allows for the players to not only win by knowing the answers, but also from choosing which one of the pictures of the correct explorer to put their marker on. A certain amount of strategy and chance is involved since the player does not know if they will get another clue card for that explorer or not.

To Play:

Each player gets a bingo card and several markers to cover the spaces on their card.

The person chosen to be the "caller" shuffles all of the clue cards, being careful to mix them as much as possible. They then put the cards in a stack in front of them.

All players put a marker on the free space on their card.

The caller draws the top card and reads the information to the players, being careful not to read the name of the explorer.

The players decide who they think the clues are about and put a marker on one of the spaces with that explorer's picture on it. Remember, there are two pictures of each explorer on each card, so the player has to decide which one they want to put the marker on.

The caller then tells the players the name of the correct explorer. Players who covered the correct explorer may leave their marker on their card. Players who did not cover the correct explorer must remove their marker from their card. In the event the third clue is drawn for an explorer, players who previously got a clue wrong for that explorer may use the opportunity to guess correctly and cover a space on the card. All other players forfeit their turn (without revealing the answer to other players). Play continues until someone has bingo.



This explorer led an expedition in 1513 to find gold and is credited with being the first European to see the eastern shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Who was this explorer?

Vasco Núñez de Balboa



This explorer founded and became the acting governor of Darién, the first lasting Spanish settlement in South America.

Who was this explorer?

Vasco Núñez de Balboa



This Spanish explorer led an expedition to explore the eastern shores of the Pacific Ocean from 1517 to 1518.

Who was this explorer?

Vasco Núñez de Balboa



This Spaniard explored Mexico and conquered the capital of the Aztec empire in 1521.

Who was this explorer?

Hernando Cortes



This explorer was appointed governor of New Spain (another name for Mexico).

Who was this explorer?

Hernando Cortes



In 1519, this explorer marched into the capital city of the Aztecs and took the emperor, Montezuma II prisoner.

Who was this explorer?

Hernando Cortes



Explorer Bingo



William Clark



C. Columbus



F. Coronado



F. Pizarro



H. Hudson



H. Cortes



J. Cartier



John Cabot



Ponce de Leon



Meriwether Lewis



F. Magellan



V. de Balboa



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