



The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper
Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet
November Enrichment Activities
Grades K-2



Students: After reading "Connections," answer the following questions in complete sentences.

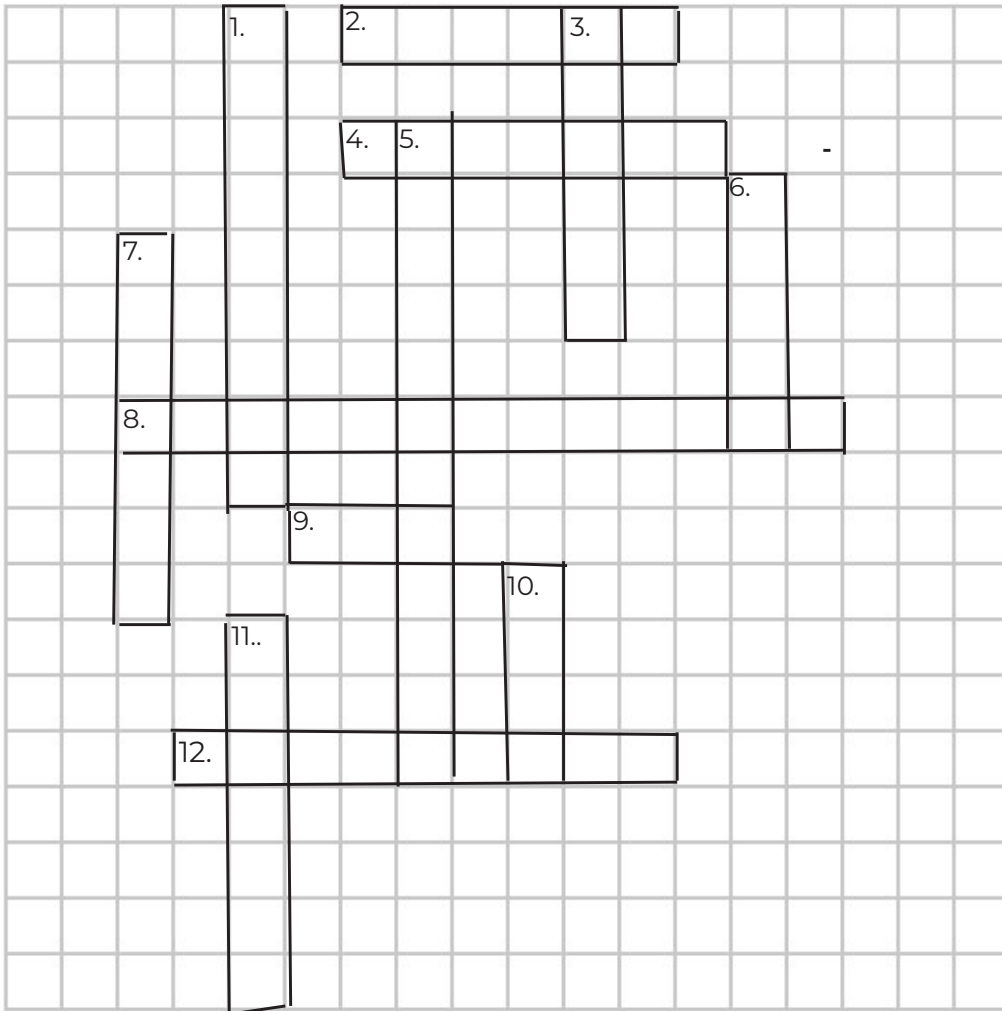
1. What is an explorer?
2. When did the explorers in this article discover new lands?
3. What did lands did they discover?
4. Do you think one explorer is more important than another? Did exploreres only live long ago?
5. Can you name any characteristics of explorers?



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Students: After reading "Around the World," fill in the crossword puzzle below with the answers to the across and down clues to the right. The answers are all terms written in the article. If the term has two words, skip a space for it in the puzzle below to indicate where the two words break.



Across

- 2 Country Cortes claimed for Spain
- 4 Explorer who conquered the Incan Empire
- 8 The site Francisco Pizarro explored
- 9 The city in Peru Pizarro established
- 12 The last emperor of the Aztecs

Down

- 1 Where Hernando de Soto went on his first expedition
- 3 Conquered the Aztec Empire and claimed Mexico
- 5 Empire in Peru overthrown in 1532 by Pizarro
- 6 The great empire Cortes overthrew
- 7 Explorer who conquered Florida for Spain
- 10 Another de Soto's expedition and home to the Inca people
- 11 De Soto conquered and explored this place which is now one of the United States



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Answer Key



Students: After reading "Connections," answer the following questions in complete sentences.
Teachers and parents: The answers are below. Check to make sure students have answered in their own words.

1. What is an explorer?

They were people sent out to find new lands and trade routes, seek treasure and gain territory for their country.

2. When did the explorers in this article discover new lands?

The Age of Discovery or the Age of Exploration was between the 15th and 17th centuries.

3. What did lands did they discover?

The article states that much of the world was mapped out at this time, but it does not state which lands were discovered.

4. Do you think one explorer is more important than another? Did explorers only live long ago?

Part one: Answers will vary. Part two: Explorers still make discoveries today, for example people who climb mountains and go into space.

5. Can you name any characteristics of explorers?

They love challenges and liked to learn. (Students may also state that they think explorers are brave or like adventure).



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Students: After reading "Wildville," make up a fictional tale about any one of the animals in the article to explain how it came to live in a new country. Include the people group responsible for the transfer in your tale. Use your imagination and creativity! **Parents and teachers:** Stories will vary.
