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Exploring America

Directions: Read each question. Then circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. Which European is thought to have been the first to sail to North America?
 - a. Leif Eriksson
 - b. Hernán Cortés
 - c. Francisco Pizarro

2. When Christopher Columbus discovered America, what country did he sail from?
 - a. England
 - b. Portugal
 - c. Spain

3. Which part of the Americas did Christopher Columbus explore?
 - a. North America
 - b. the Caribbean and Central America
 - c. South America

4. Which European conquered the Aztecs in Mexico?
 - a. Leif Eriksson
 - b. Hernán Cortés
 - c. Francisco Pizarro

5. When did the major westward expansion occur in the United States?
 - a. in the 1700s
 - b. in the 1800s
 - c. in the 1900s

6. What did Henry Hudson explore?
 - a. He explored the eastern coast of South America, and realized the land was not part of Asia.
 - b. He traveled from Canada through the Great Lakes and all the way down the Mississippi River.
 - c. He explored parts of the Arctic Ocean and northeastern North America.

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7. What is Sacagawea known for?
 - a. She was a Shoshone Indian who was a guide and an interpreter for Lewis and Clark.
 - b. She helped the English settlers explore New England.
 - c. She was a guide and an interpreter for Davy Crockett.

8. Daniel Boone was an American pioneer. What area did he explore?
 - a. Kentucky
 - b. the far West
 - c. Florida

9. Lewis and Clark were important American explorers. What area did they explore?
 - a. Kentucky
 - b. the far West
 - c. Florida

10. To go from Europe to America, in what direction do you sail?
 - a. east
 - b. west
 - c. north