**Chapter 16.1-2**

**Exploration and Conquest**

1. Why Explore?
   1. Wealth from direct trade with Asia
   2. Spread the faith
   3. Spirit of Renaissance exploration and discovery
   4. New technologies
      1. Caravel- long distance ship with triangular sails
      2. Compass -navigational tool
      3. Astrolabe- using the stars to find position
2. Important Explorers
   1. **Leif Eriksson** (Viking)- First European to find the New World
   2. **Henry the Navigator** (Portugal)- Prince who was a patron of exploration
   3. **Vasco de Gama** (Portugal)- First European to reach India
   4. **Christopher Columbus** (Spain)- “First” European to open up the New World
   5. **Ferdinand Magellan** (Spain)- his crew was the first to **circumnavigate** (to go around) the world
   6. **Sir Francis Drake** (England)- **privateer**, pirate loyal to country, and second to circumnavigate the world
3. Conquistadors
   1. **Conquistadors-** Spanish conquerors of Americas
   2. Why conquer the Americas?- **god, glory, gold**
   3. They were able to conquer because of their newness, modern weapons (horses, steel, and gunpowder), and diseases
   4. Conquest of Aztecs
      1. Aztecs welcomed **Hernandez Cortez** because they believed he was a returning god
      2. He created alliances to defeat Montezuma (king)
      3. Disease weakened the people
   5. Conquest of the Incas
      1. **Francisco Pizarro** went to Incas looking for treasure
      2. Kidnapped the Inca emperor and demanded a room of silver and gold but killed him anyway