

# Age of Exploration & Early Colonial Settlements

## Goals and Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Identify who the first Europeans to arrive in America were
- Explain the motivation behind European exploration of the Americas and elsewhere
- Describe how the Spanish, French and British empires conducted their exploration of the New World, noting major differences
- Relate major characteristics of the early colonial settlements and the challenges these settlers faced
- Track the progress/development of important early colonial establishments such as Jamestown, Plymouth, and New Amsterdam
- Elaborate on the relationship between Natives and European settlers