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**Explorer notes**

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**The Portuguese**

The Portuguese were already fishing in the Atlantic and were maintaining contact with countries in Africa in the late fifteenth century. By 1550, before any other European nation, Portugal had established trading posts and colonies in Africa, India, Brazil, and Southeast Asia.

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**The Spanish**

By 1492, Spanish forces had captured Granada, the last stronghold of the Muslims in Spain. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand supported exploration for Spanish empirical expansion, turning Spain into a world power.

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**The Conquistadors**

Spanish exploration created new opportunities. The Spanish conquistadors, or soldiers of fortune, were determined to expand the Spanish Empire into the heart of their ‘New World’ (which included North and Central America, and much of South America). They also believed they should ‘civilize’ the peoples that they encountered.

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**The British, Dutch, and French**

Other Europeans soon followed Spanish and Portuguese exploration and expansion. In 1497, Henry VII of England promoted travel to the west and north to find new territory (including Canada!).

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