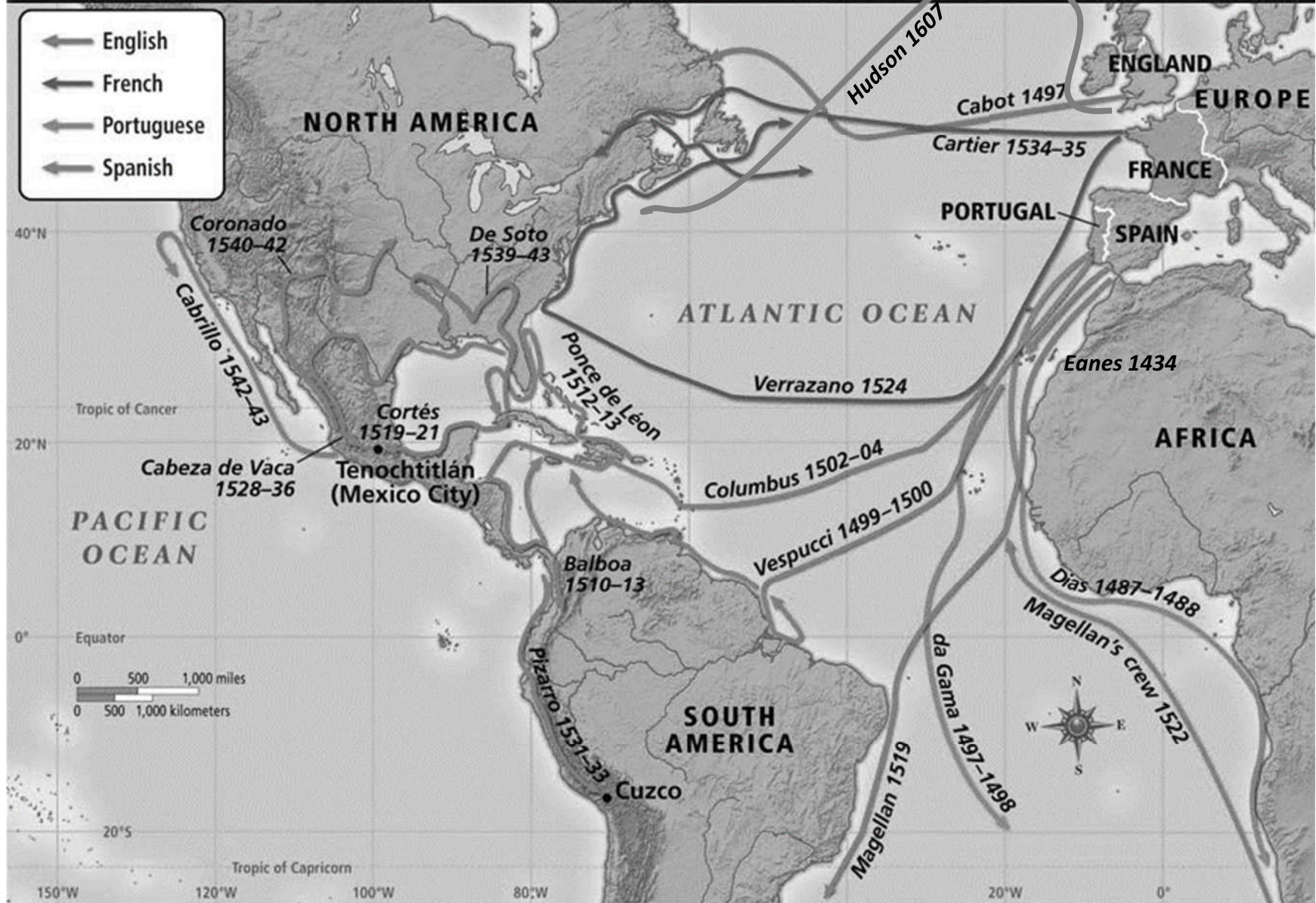


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Define Conquistador:

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Prince Henry the Navigator	Portuguese	Sponsor	Mobilized Portuguese exploration of Africa.
Gil Eanes	Portuguese	Sent by Portugal	Sparks greater exploration of Africa after crossing the Cape of Bojador
Bartolomeu Dias	Portuguese	Sent by Portugal	Rounds the southern tip of Africa, the Cape of Good Hope
Vasco da Gama	Portuguese	Sent by Portugal	Completes the new maritime route to Asia by reaching India
John Cabot	Italian	Sent by England	Reaches North America
King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain	Spanish	Sponsor	Sponsored Spanish expeditions to the Americas.
Christopher Columbus	Italian	Sent by Spain	Searching for a westward route to Asia, he encounters the New World
Amerigo Vespucci	Italian	Sent by Spain	Realizes the Americas are a new continent. The Americas are named after him.
Ferdinand Magellan	Portuguese	Sent by Spain	Circumnavigates the globe opening a westward route to Asia by going south of South America, the Strait of Magellan.
Hernan Cortes	Spanish	Sent by Spain	Conquers the Aztec Empire (modern day Mexico)
Vasco Nuñez de Balboa	Spanish	Sent by Spain	Crosses the isthmus of Panama reaching the Pacific Ocean
Francisco Pizzaro	Spanish	Sent by Spain	Conquers the Incan Empire (modern day Peru)
Henry Hudson	English	Sent by England	Explores North America searching for the Northwest Passage to Asia

Define Conquistador: Explorer and soldier who colonized much of the world for Spain and Portugal