North American Explorers Webquest

Choose an Explorer:

- Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
- Francisco Pizarro
- Christopher Columbus
- Marco Polo
- Juan Ponce de Leon
- Hernando de Soto
- Amerigo Vespucci
- Vasco Nunes de Balboa
- Ferdinand Magellan
- John Cabot

Research on the internet with the following links:

http://enchantedlearning.com/explorers/america.shtml
http://cybersleuth-kids.com/sleuth/History/Explorers/
http://www.kidsolr.com/history/page2.html
http://academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Main_Page

**you must scroll to the bottom of the website and type your explorer's name in the search box.

Use the Webquest Information Form provided to take notes on the Explorer you have selected.
Name: ____________________________

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5th Grade Social Studies

Explorer: ____________________________________________________________

I. Introduction
   a. Inclusive years of exploration _______________________________________
   b. From what country was he born? ______________________________________
   c. What country funded the Exploration? _________________________________
   d. Who (title) sent the Explorer? ______________________________________
   e. What was the GOAL of the Explorations? _______________________________

II. Exploration
   a. Describe what was achieved. What lands did he explore or find? Conquer? Who were the natives living there first?
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   b. What were the consequences of the exploration? How did the exploration affect the work and knowledge of the world?
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c. Create a PowerPoint Presentation of your explorer. You must include any information that you wrote on this worksheet as well as a picture of your explorer and a map that shows his explorations.

III. Conclusion and Reflection
   a. What did you learn about history from studying about your explorer?

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   b. What did you find interesting about his explorer?

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   c. Describe the ways this person has been honored. For example, was anything named in honor of the explorer? Oceans, lakes, buildings, streets, etc.

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   d. Provide any additional information about your explorer.

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Create a PowerPoint Presentation with a slide for each:

Slide:

1. **Explorer’s Name, Sketch or image, Your Name, Date, Teacher Name**
2. **Introduction** (from Introduction section of notes)
3. **Exploration** (from Exploration section of notes)
4. **Map of Exploration** / Describe journey
5. **Conclusion and Reflection** (from Conclusion & Reflection section of notes)
6. **Images and Extra Information of Interest**
7. **Bibliography** - List only the Websites and Resources used

Add Transitions and Animations (in Only) to finish off your presentation. Do not change time on Animations. Only “on click”!

### Rubric for Project

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|       | Map copied.  
|       | Some spelling or grammar errors. |
| “C”   | Research Notes incomplete.  
|       | PowerPoint disorganized.  
|       | Many spelling or grammar errors. |
| “F”   | Research Notes not done.  
|       | No PowerPoint.  
|       | No map drawn. |