



European Explorers of North America



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Amerigo

(A·mer·i·go)



AMERIC VESPVCE.



The Americas or the New World are named after Amerigo Vespucci, a famous map maker.



Aztec

(Az·tec)



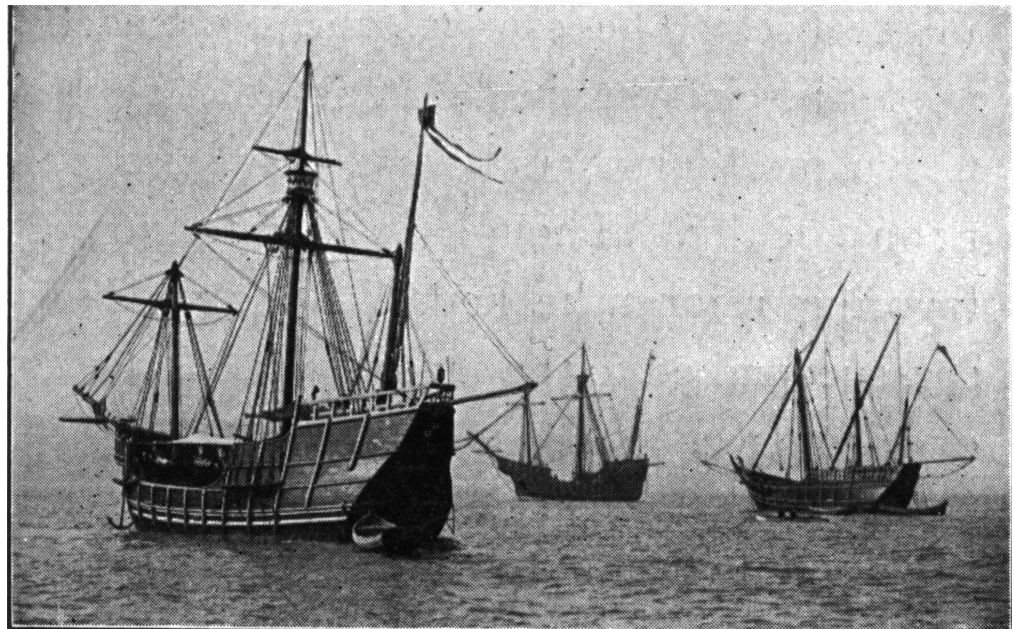
Definition: one of the tribes who lived in and controlled Mexico from the 14th century until the 16th century.

Example: Many of the buildings that Aztecs built are still standing today in Mexico.



Columbus

(Co·lum·bus)

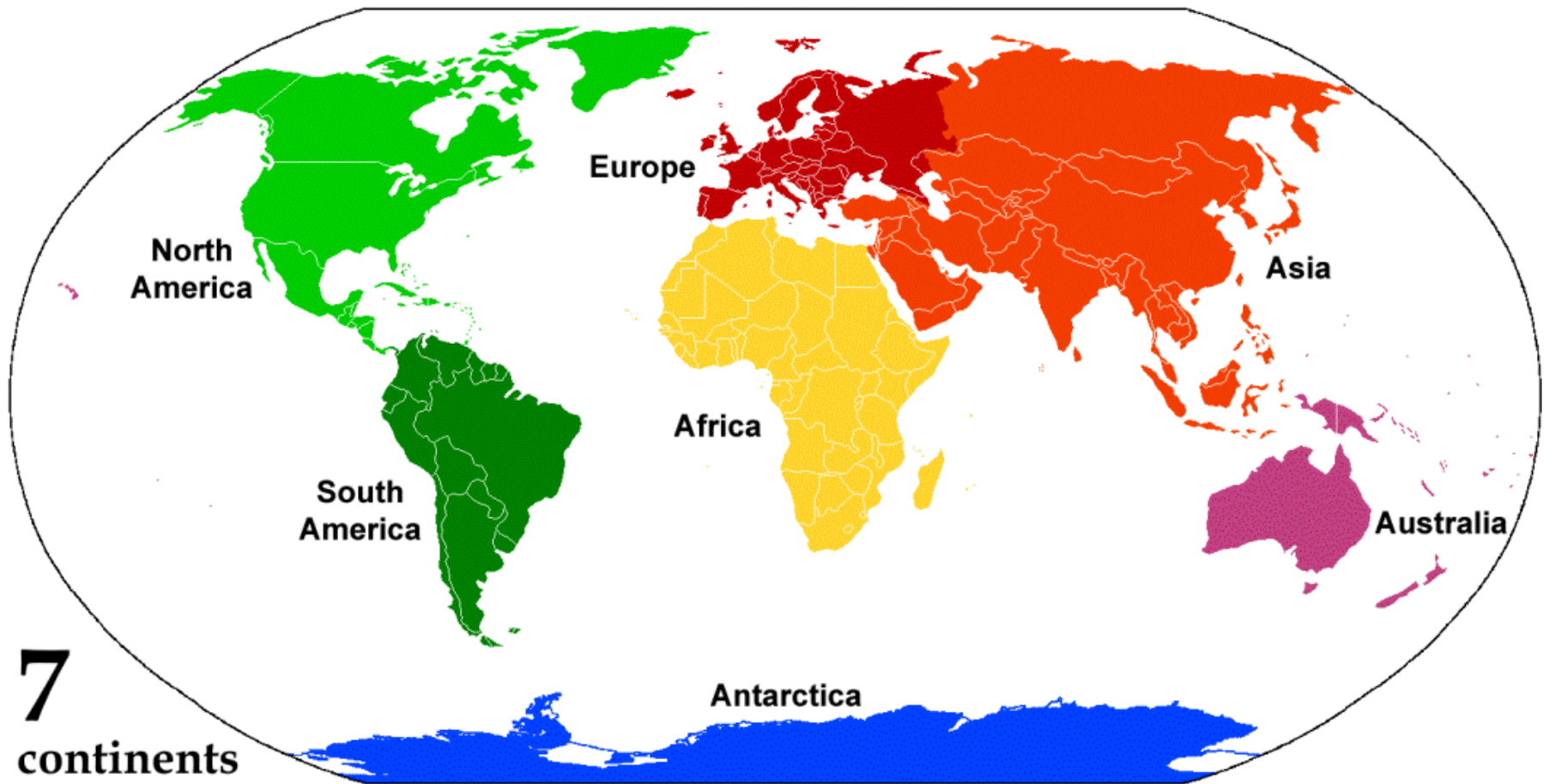


Christopher Columbus sailed on ships that used wind power in order to reach the Americas.

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Continent

(con·ti·nent)

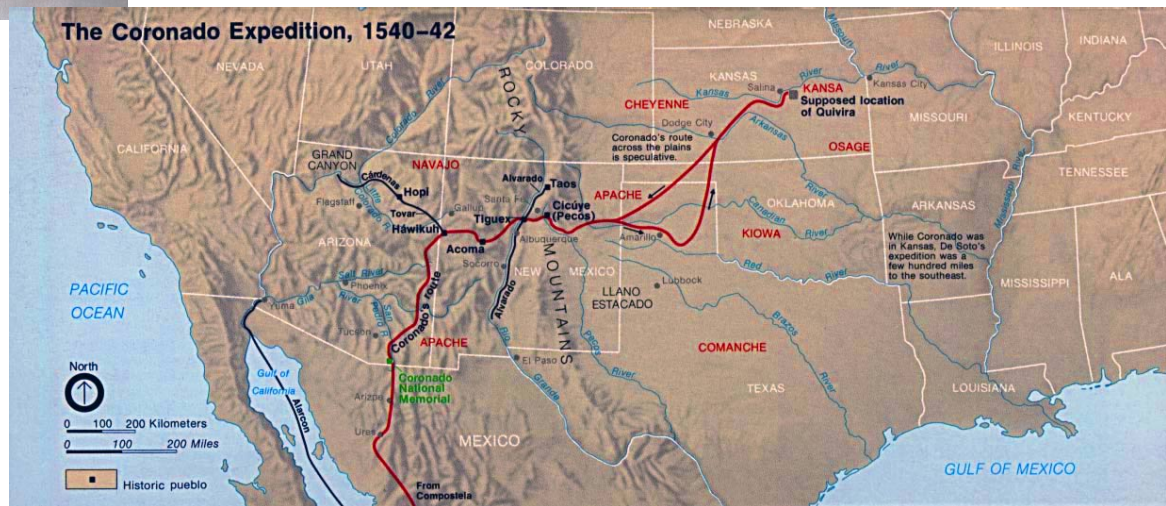


Coronado

(Co·ro·na·do)

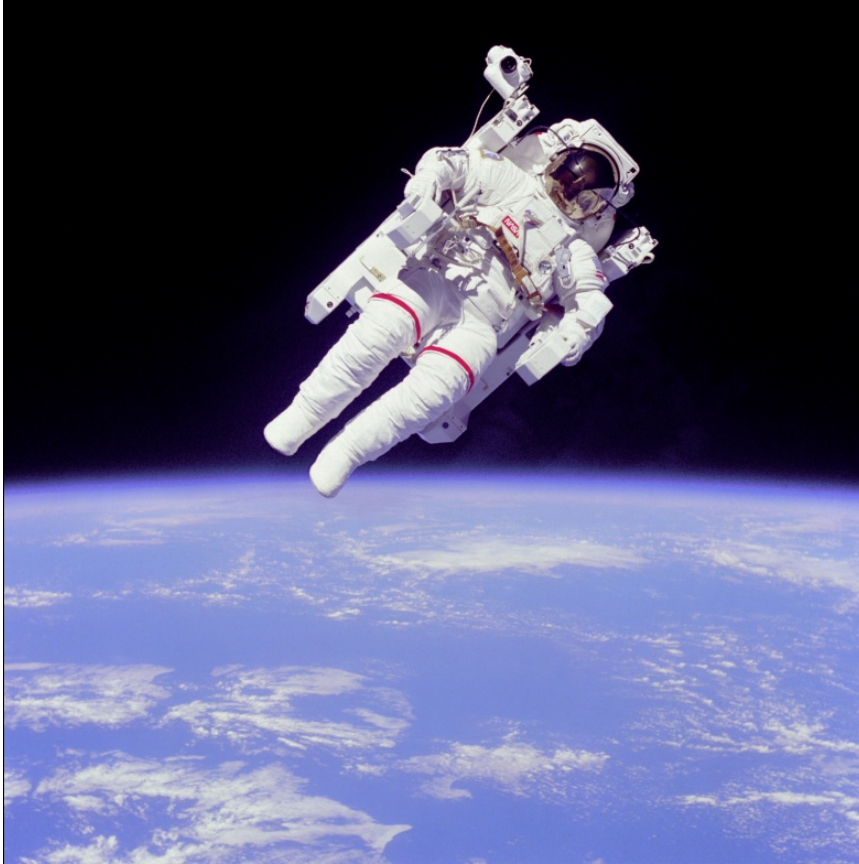


Francisco Vázquez de *Coronado* was an explorer from Spain. In his search for the mythical Seven Cities of Gold, he led a great expedition from Mexico to present-day Kansas through parts of southwestern United States between 1540 and 1542.



Exploration

(ex·plo·ra·tion)



Definition: the act or instance of exploring or investigating

Example: Many people go on explorations to discover something new or to find something new.



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Harbor

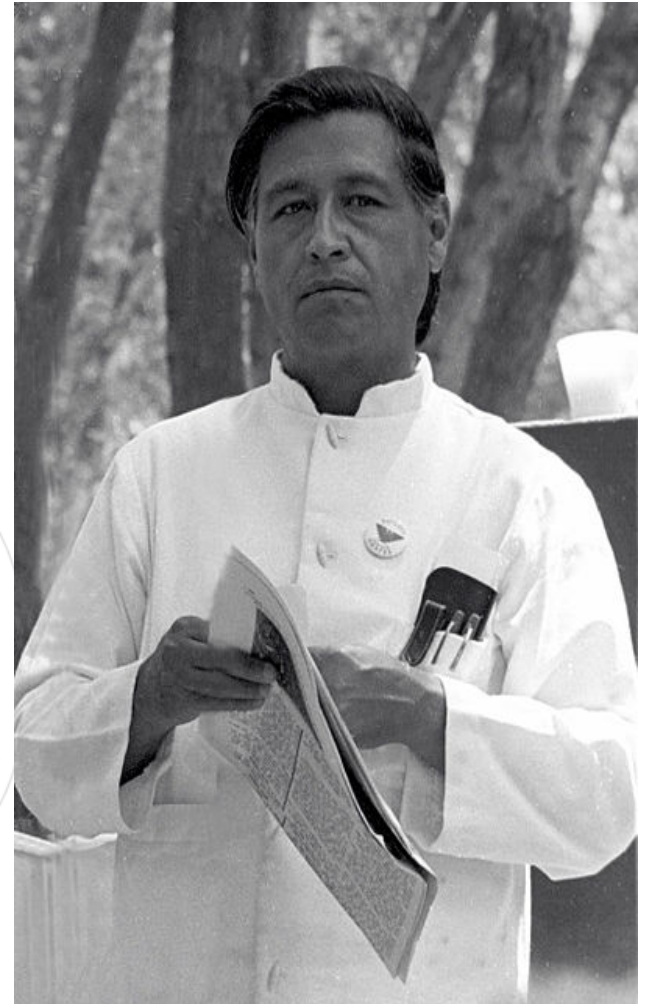
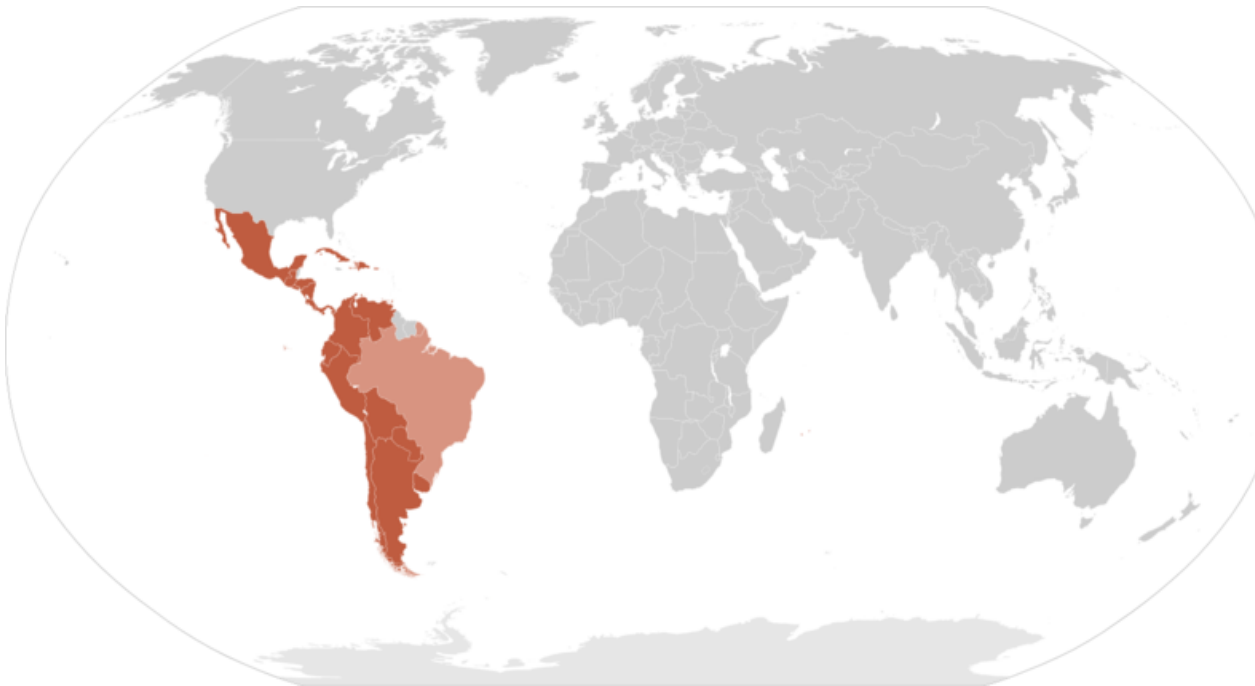
(har·bor)



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Latin American

(Lat·in Amer·i·can)



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Pacific Ocean

(Pa·cif·ic O·cean)

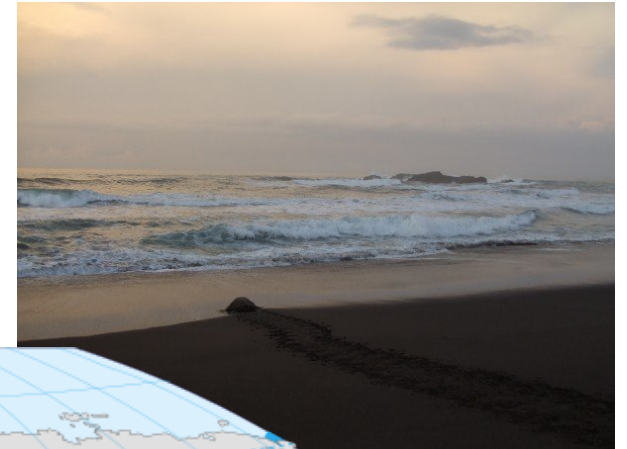


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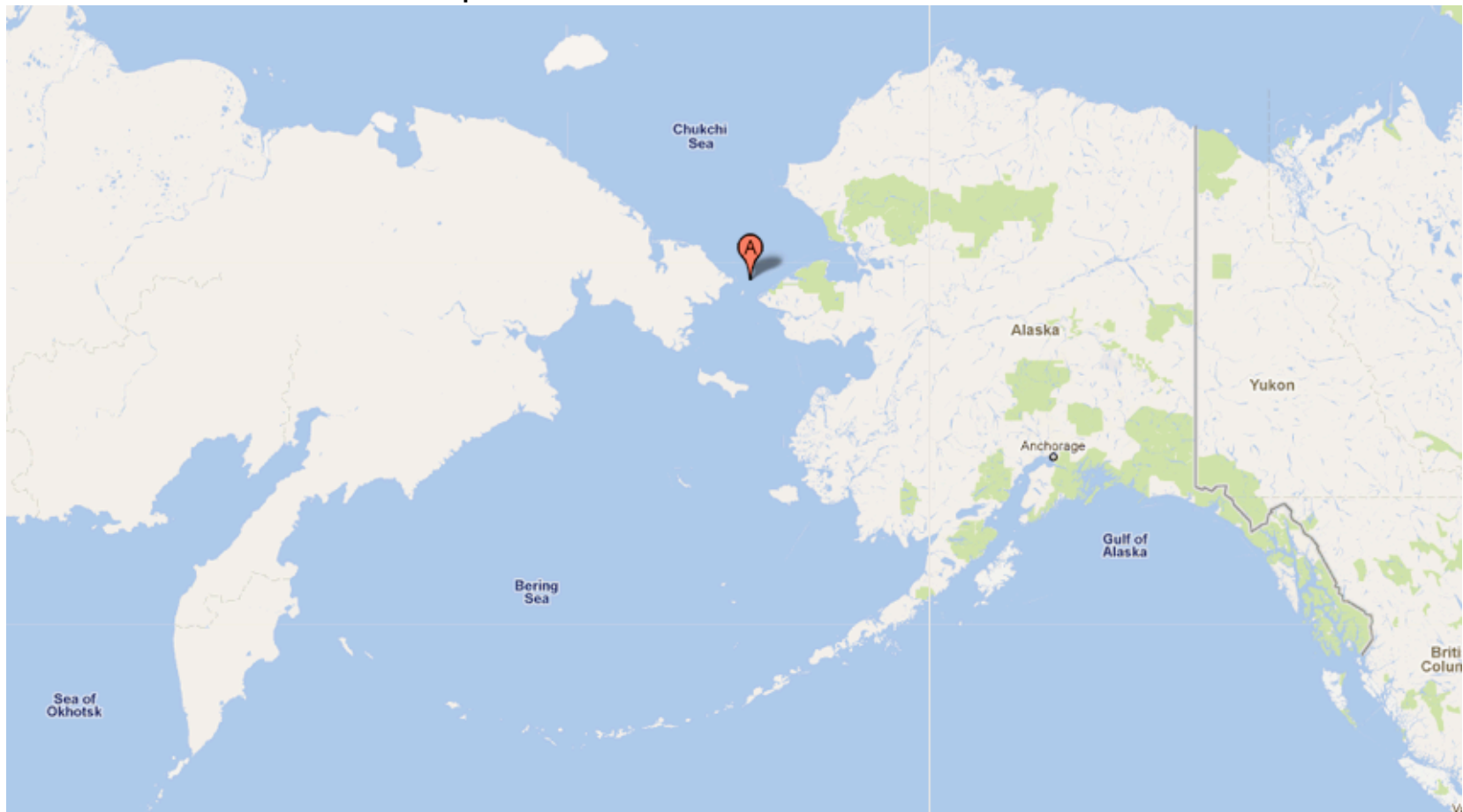
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Passage

(pas·sage)

Definition: A path that allows travel between two landforms.

Example: For many years, sailors used the passage between Russia and Alaska to travel from Northern Europe to the Pacific Ocean.



Map of Bering Strait. Provided by Google Maps.

Pirate

(pi·rate)



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Scarce (scarce)



Definition: insufficient to satisfy the need or demand; not abundant:
Example: Water was so *scarce* during the Great Depression that many farmers could not grow any crops.

Photo: Buried machinery in barn lot in Dallas, South Dakota during the Dust Bowl, 1936. Image released into the public domain by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Settlement

(set·tle·ment)

Definition: the establishment of a new region;
colonization

Example: The *settlement* Jamestown was
named after King James I of England.



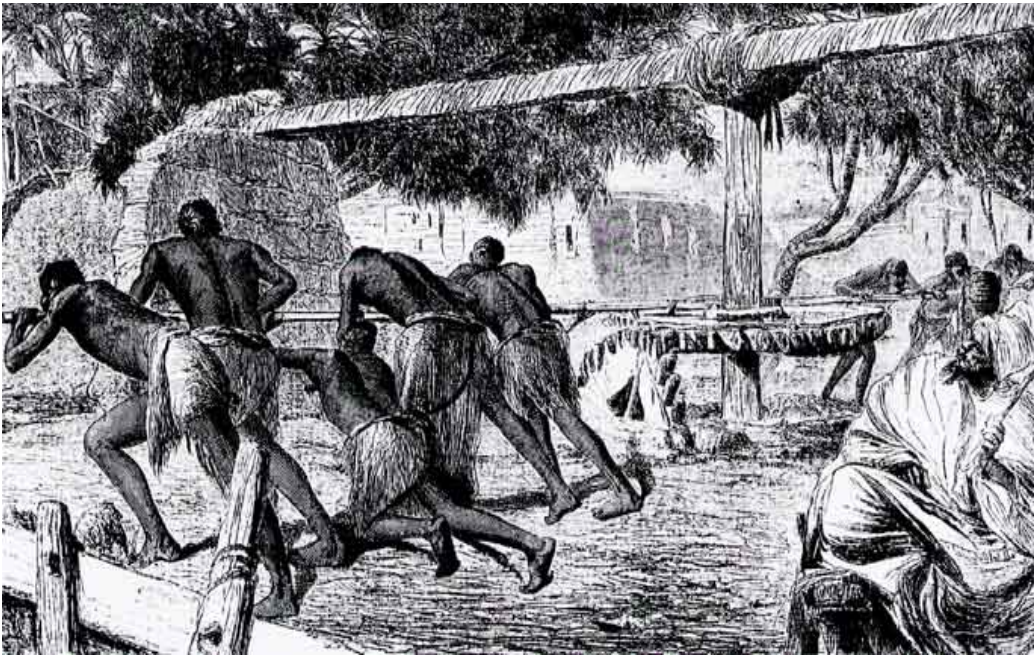
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Slavery

(slav·ery)

Definition: the system of having slaves, or the condition of being a slave.

Example: In the United States, *slavery* ended on January 1, 1863.



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Vikings

(vi·kings)



Definition: any of the Scandinavian pirates who plundered the coasts of Europe from the 8th to 10th centuries.

Example: It is believed that the *Vikings* were the first Europeans to land on North American shores.



Otter

(Otter)



Definition: a small weasel-like mammal that lives mostly in lakes and rivers.

Example: *Otters* were hunted by early explorers for their fur.

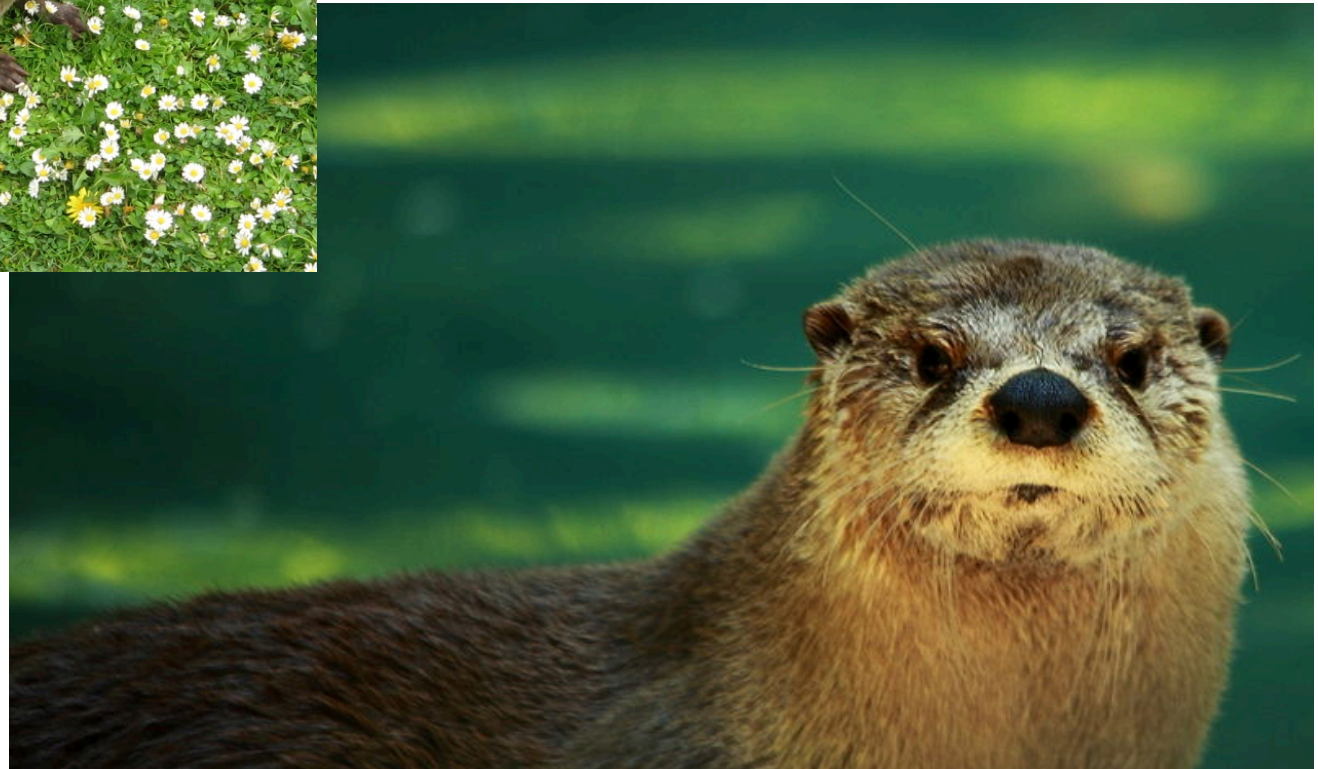


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