

DATA DISK INSTRUCTION SHEET

You will create a data disk of information about your assigned explorer from the Age of Exploration. Information must be neatly presented in each of the four sections of the disk. Use the information from your “Fact Gathering Sheet” and “Planning Sheet” to complete the following sections of the data disk.

1. Collect important dates about your explorer for your timeline. Include year of birth, year of death, and dates of journey(s) of exploration (departure and return dates). You may also want to include other important dates of interest.
2. Take notes on interesting facts about your explorer. Write an organized paragraph about your explorer and his journey. Make sure to include the purpose of exploration (why did he leave his country to explore?).
3. Research a navigational tool from the Age of Exploration. Illustrate the tool, using details. Explain its purpose. Label clearly and color neatly.
4. Research a food or other trade item (except gold) that was exchanged by the explorers in the 1400-1500's with people in other countries. Think about food items, animals, plants, or people. Read about the Columbian Exchange on pages 164 and 165 in your history book, Early United States to get ideas. Review the chapter in your social studies book for ideas other than plants. Write a rough draft paragraph on your planning sheet for your data disk.

***TIPS: For paragraph sections (#2, #4) write a rough draft first. EDIT carefully, and then neatly write your final in the space provided. For other sections, plan first by sketching lightly to ensure your contents will fit neatly into the quarter section. Some color added to all sections is expected. Use colored pencils or thin markers and a black, fine-tipped sharpie to outline letters and illustrations.