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Major European countries were in competition to extend their power into North America and claim the land as their own.

Motivating forces for exploration

Economic Gold, natural resources and trade

Religious spread of Christianity

Competitions for empire and belief in superiority of own culture

Accomplishments of exploration

Exchanged goods and ideas

Improved navigational tools and ships

Territories claimed by Europeans

Obstacles to Exploration

Poor maps and navigational tools

Disease /starvation

Fear of unknown

Lack of adequate supplies

The student will demonstrate knowledge of European exploration in North America and West Africa by
a) describing the motivations, obstacles, and accomplishments of the Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English explorations.