

Pacific Northwest Exploration Web Quest**Name:****Period:**

Directions: Europeans ventured into, what we today call, the Pacific Northwest for a variety of reasons beginning in the 16th century. Your Web Quest is to complete the following inquiry questions using the Internet. You may use any reliable (aka no Wikipedia) sources - just make sure to cite your sources!

1. For each of the following European explorers, identify which country they most closely associated with, the reason for their travels, and their most significant "discovery"

Explorer	Country	Reason for exploration	Most significant "discovery"
Juan Perez			
Sir Francis Drake			
James Cook			
John Meares			
George Vancouver			
Vitus Bering			
Robert Gray			

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2. Out of those 7 explorers, list the two who you believe had the most important “discoveries.”

a. Explorer #1: _____

b. Explorer #2: _____

WHY did you choose these two explorers? Explain in complete and well thought out sentences using **SPECIFIC** evidence from what you learned about these “discoverers.”

3. Fill out the chart for each of the major countries that imperialized/colonized the Pacific Northwest. **BE SPECIFIC!!!!**

Country	When (what years/centuries did this country explore & occupy portions of the PNW?)	Where (what are the modern areas that they explored/occupied – e.g. Vancouver Island; Northern California, etc.)	How & why (basis for their claim... why was this country interested in colonizing the NW & what reasoning did this country provide for their claim to the land? Think E.M.P.I.R.E.)
Spain			
Britain			
Russia			
U.S.			