

1. Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer that you are traveling with.

What is the area you are exploring?

Explain why your explorations were important

Scoring Guide

Score & Description

Appropriate

The response is able to accurately describe the explorations of the person selected. Response shows geographic and historical accuracy. Answers all parts of question.

Essential

The response answers both parts of the question. Responses are generally historically and geographically accurate, but may contain some inaccuracy, or trivial information.

Partial

The response answers only one part of the question correctly. Answers may contain some important historical or geographic inaccuracies.

Inappropriate

The response may name an explorer, but it does not successfully answer either part of the question.

Appropriate - Student Response

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with.

Cabrillo

What is the area you are exploring?

We are exploring the
Pacific Ocean.

Explain why your explorations were important.

Beacause we had to find
most stuff before 1577 so
Drake wouldn't find everything.

Scorer Comments:

The response names Cabrillo and accurately states that he explored the Pacific Ocean. The reason given for the importance of his explorations, that Cabrillo had to find "stuff" before Drake did, accurately suggests that exploration was in part motivated by competition between countries.

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with.
What is the area you are exploring?

Drake

Up California near San Francisco

Explain why your explorations were important.

We went there and
started claiming land for
England.

Scorer Comments:

The response names Drake and accurately states that he explored part of California. The reason given for the importance of his exploration, that he claimed land in California for England, is accurate.

Essential - Student Response

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

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Hudson

What is the area you are exploring?

I am exploring the north
east part of the United
States.

Explain why your explorations were important.

My explorations are important
because I was one of the
first people to discover
the north east part
of the United States.

Scorer Comments:

The response names Hudson and accurately states that he explored the northeast part of (what would later become) the United States. The reason given for the importance of his exploration, that he was one of the first people to discover that area, does not offer any additional information about Hudson's explorations.

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with. Ponce de Leon
What is the area you are exploring?

Florida's coast

Explain why your explorations were important.

I found Florida

Scorer Comments:

The response names Ponce de Leon and accurately states that he explored Florida's coast. The reason given for the importance of his exploration, that he found Florida, does not offer any additional information about Ponce de Leon's exploration.

Partial - Student Response

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with.

De Soto

What is the area you are exploring?

Mississippi River.

Explain why your explorations were important.

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Scorer Comments:

The response names De Soto and accurately states that he explored the Mississippi River. No reason is given for the importance of his explorations.

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

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Coronado

What is the area you are exploring?

Coronado and I are exploring North America.

Explain why your explorations were important.

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Scorer Comments:

The response names Coronado and accurately states that he explored North America. No reason is given for the importance of his explorations.

Inappropriate - Student Response

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with.

Dad

What is the area you are exploring?

We are exploring North America.

Explain why your explorations were important.

To see people things and
animals.

Scorer Comments:

The response does not name one of the explorers whose route is shown on the map provided.

Suppose that you are traveling with ONE of the explorers whose route is shown on the map on page 2.

Write the name of the explorer you are traveling with.
What is the area you are exploring?

Hudson

Cuba

Explain why your explorations were important.

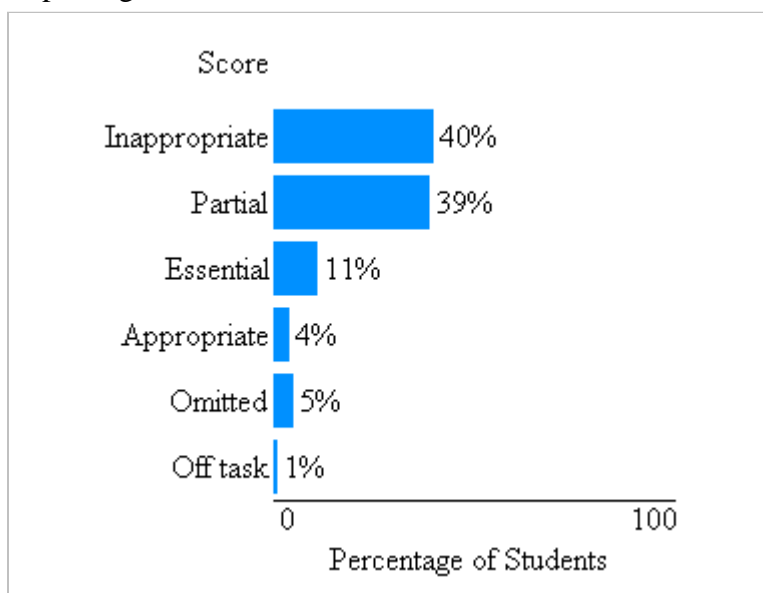
For peace

Scorer Comments:

The response names Hudson but incorrectly identifies the area he explored as Cuba.

NAEP national performance results in U.S. History at grade 4: 2001

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NOTE: These results are for public and nonpublic school students. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2001 U.S. History Assessment.

