# Age of Contact Unit Vocabulary

| **Vocabulary Terms** | **Key People** | **Major Events** |
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| ● **Catholicism:** Spaniards wanted Native populations to follow this religion  ● **colony:** a territory ruled by another nation and settled by people of that nation  ● **conquistador:** a Spanish soldier-explorer who sought personal riches and power, as well as wealth and glory for Spain, in the conquest of the Americas  ● **expedition:** journey made for a special purpose  ● **mission:** a religious settlement  ● **navigate:** to find a way to pass over or along a body of water  ● **province:** a district of a colony or country; similar to a state  ● **settlement:** a place where people live  ● **viceroy:** an official who rules in the name of the king or queen | ● **Alonso Álvarez de Piñeda:** explored and mapped the Texas coastline, which led to colonization of Texas  ● **Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca:** first landed in Florida but left after coming across hostile Indians; sailed along the coast in rafts trying to reach Mexico but landed off the coast of Texas, on Galveston Island; he is among the first Europeans to explore Texas and lived among the Native Americans in Texas and Northern Mexico; after exploring, went to Mexico and told Spanish leaders the story of the cities of gold  ● **Francisco Coronado:** Spanish explorer who traveled north from Mexico through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma into Kansas looking for the fabled Seven Cities of Gold  ● **Sieur de LaSalle:** explored the lower Mississippi River and claimed what is now Louisiana for France around 1683 | ● **Fort St. Louis:** settlement built by members of the La Salle expedition possibly near Garcitas Creek in Texas |