Cabeza de Vaca Worksheet
Fourth Grade

1. What does the 1529 map tell you about the state of Spanish exploration?

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2. Based on the description of the work he was forced to do, was Cabeza de Vaca well treated by the Coastal Indians?

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3. What constant condition among the Coastal Indian tribes allowed Cabeza de Vaca to become a trader?

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4. What advantages did the life of a trader offer to Cabeza de Vaca?

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5. What did the Costal Indians think about Cabeza de Vaca’s role as a trader?

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6. What was Cabeza de Vaca’s “principal object” in becoming a trader?

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7. What did Cabeza de Vaca do to cure the Indian of his pain? __________________

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8. What was causing the Indian’s pain? __________________________________

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9. What was the Indian village’s reaction to the successful surgery?

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10. Who did the Spaniards say were “lords of the land?” and how should the Indians serve their “lords?”

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11. List the comparisons the Indians made between Cabeza de Vaca and his fellow Spaniards?

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12. Cabeza de Vaca called buffalos “cows.” How did he describe their hair and meat?