

Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca



Explorer & Survivor

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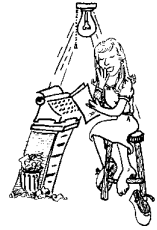


A Word From the Author!

Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca was a brave Spanish explorer who encountered many difficulties. After experiencing a dangerous sea voyage to get to the New World, he was separated from his friends, then shipwrecked, then separated again! Alvar Nuñez wandered around America for eight years before finding a way to return home to Spain!

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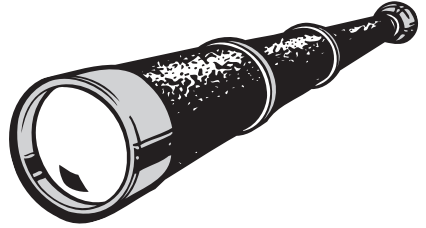
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Spanish Explorer

Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca was born sometime around 1490 to a poor peasant family in southern Spain. He grew up in the small town of Jerez de la Frontera in a dry region called Andalusia.



Cabeza de Vaca literally means "cow's head!" It was not really a last name but a hereditary title in his mother's family.



Label the map. Color Spain red. Color France, Portugal, and Africa yellow. Color the waters blue.



When Alvar Nuñez became a young man, he decided to join the military. Alvar fought in many battles for his country. He traveled to Navarre, Italy, and other places during his career with the military.

In 1527, an ambitious Spaniard named Panfilo de Narvaez planned a major expedition to the New World. He wanted to conquer Florida. Alvar Nuñez was appointed treasurer of the group.

“Pull” apart the words below to make a sentence!

An expedition is a journey of exploration that brave people undertake.

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