



# THE FIRST EUROPEANS IN NORTH AMERICA

**The Vikings and The Spanish**

# Warm Up



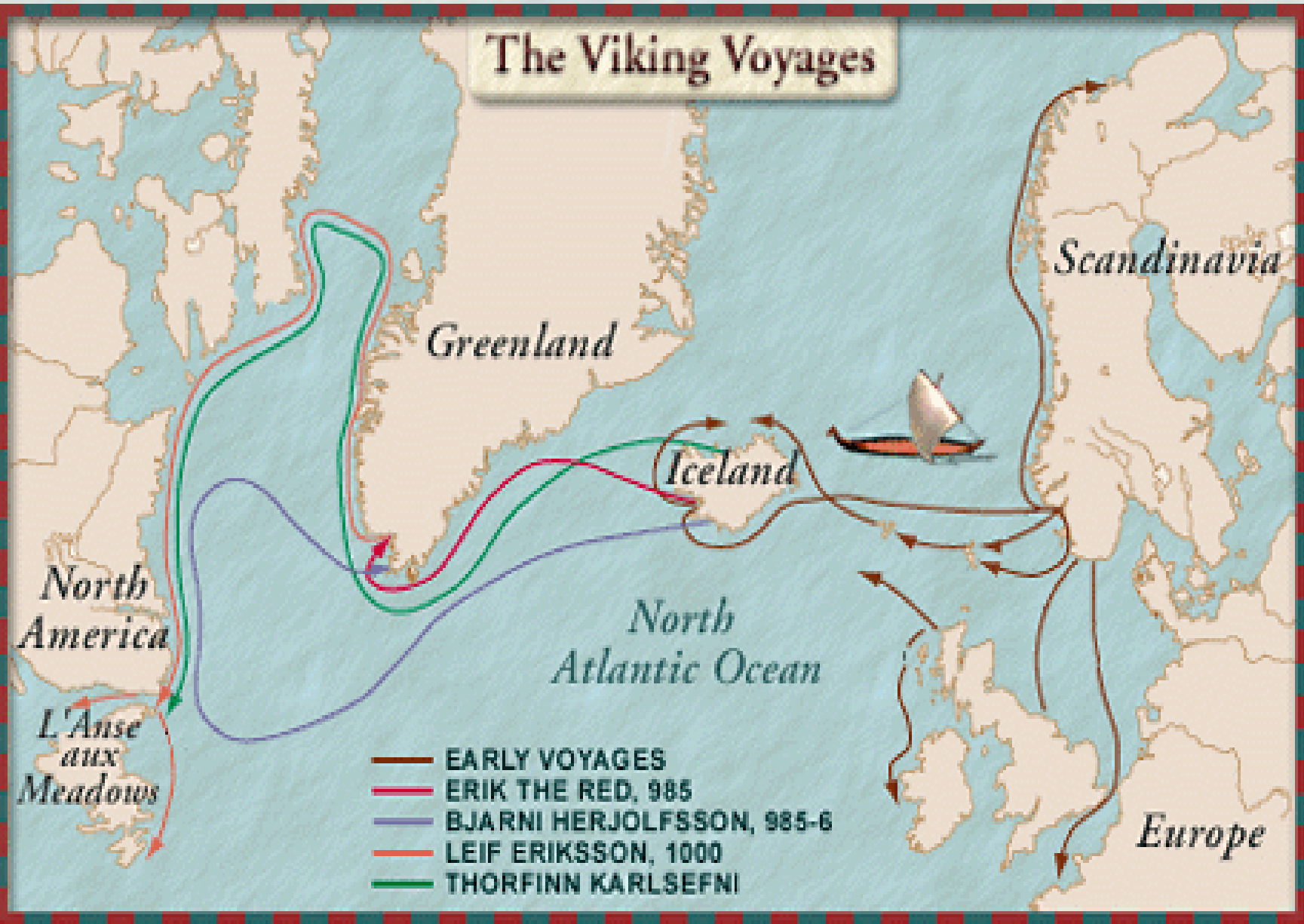
- What do you think is happening in the picture above?
- Who are the people in the picture above?

# *The First Europeans*

- Norse (Viking) settlers first to reach North America
- Explored Eastern Canada
  - Set up colony around year 1000



# The Viking Voyages



- EARLY VOYAGES
- ERIK THE RED, 985
- BJARNI HERJOLFSSON, 985-6
- LEIF ERIKSSON, 1000
- THORFINN KARLSEFNI

North America

L'Anse aux Meadows

Greenland

Iceland

North Atlantic Ocean

Scandinavia

Europe



# *Spanish Background*



- Ferdinand and Isabella had recently united Spain and expelled the Moors (reconquista)
- Spain wants in on lucrative spice trade with India
  - Highly competitive economically
  - Source of Nationalism





# *Christopher Columbus*



- 1451 Born in Genoa, Italy
- Self taught navigation and Mapmaking
- Served on a French fishing vessel
- Got Idea to travel west to India
  - Propositioned King of Portugal
  - Begged King and Queen of Spain





# *Approval*

- Given funds for three ships
  - Nina
  - Pinta
  - Santa Maria
- Hired 90 able sailors
- Set out August 3, 1492





# Landfall



- October 11, 1492  
Landed in Bahamas
- Claimed Land and  
inhabitants for Spain
- Traveled to Cuba and  
Hispanola
- Called inhabitants  
“Indians”









# *Colonization of Hispaniola*

- Expedition in 1493 to expand colony
  - Previous colony found decimated
- Began series of “Conversions”
  - Used inhabitants for labor
  - No gold to be found
  - Estimated 250,000 Arawak at time of arrival
    - 1550 only 500 left
    - 1650 extinct





# *Saint Augustine, Florida*

- Discovered by Ponce De Leon
- Established by Don Pedro Menendez
  - September 1565
- Oldest Permanent Village on North American mainland



# *Castillo de San Marcos*



# Spanish Empire in the Americas



# CRITICAL THINKING

Christopher  
Columbus:  
**HERO** or  
**VILLAN?**

**WANTED**



**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS**

**GRAND THEFT, GENOCIDE, RACISM**

**INITIATING THE DESTRUCTION OF A CULTURE**

**RAPE, TORTURE, AND MAIMING OF**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND INSTIGATOR OF THE BIG LIE.**

**500 YEARS OF TOURISM**