

## TWENTY-EIGHT FACTS

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1. The **Iroquois** were famous for their **League of Five Nations** and **Society of False Faces**.
2. The **Inca** lived in **Peru** and **built thousands of miles of roads** over rocky land for protection.
3. The **Pueblo** used special rooms called **kivas** for religious ceremonies and believed in spirits called **kachinas**.
4. The **Aztec** were **warlike** and **practiced human sacrifices** to please their gods.
5. The **Algonquin** believed in the **“Great Spirit of Manitou”** and **memory scrolls**.
6. **Three Sisters** was the special name for **corn, beans, and squash**.
7. All the **Native Americans** grew **maize** (corn) for food.
8. The **Inca** used **quipu** as a special way of **writing** by arranging **knotted and colored strings**.
9. **Drake** sailed for **England** as **privateer**. He explored the western coast of North America and **circumnavigated the globe**.
10. The **Turks** shut down the **land routes** to the Far East.
11. **Prince Henry** of Portugal **started a navigational school** even though he was never an explorer.
12. **Vasco da Gama** was a **Portuguese explorer** who sailed south around the **tip of Africa to India**.
13. **Columbus** was an Italian who **sailed for Spain** and **discovered the “New World”** in 1492.
14. **Cabot** was an Italian who **sailed for England** and **discovered Newfoundland and Nova Scotia**.
15. **Cabot discovered the Grand Banks, rich fishing banks** off the coast of Newfoundland.
16. A **German mapmaker** drew a **world map naming the New World after Amerigo Vespucci**.
17. **Ponce de León**, a **Spanish explorer**, searched for the **“fountain of youth,”** but **found Florida instead**.
18. The **Spanish explorer Cortes** was **ruthless and cruel**. He **conquered the Aztec of Mexico**.
19. **Balboa** was the **first European explorer to see the Pacific Ocean**.
20. The **Spanish explorer Pizarro** **conquered the Inca Empire** in Peru.
21. **Magellan**, a **Portuguese explorer**, **tried to circumnavigate the world** but was **killed in the Philippine Islands**.
22. **Hudson** sailed for both the **English and the Dutch** in **search for a Northwest Passage** through North America.
23. **Verrazano**, an **Italian explorer**, **sailed for France** along the **Atlantic Coast of North America**.
24. **Cartier**, a **French explorer**, explored the **St. Lawrence region of Canada**.
25. **De Soto**, a **Spanish explorer**, discovered the **Mississippi River flowed south** into the Gulf of Mexico.
26. **Coronado**, a **Spanish explorer**, traveled in the Southwest and **discovered the Grand Canyon**.
27. The **Treaty of Tordesillas** was an **agreement that split the world in two between Spain and Portugal**.
28. The **astrolabe** was an important **navigational tool** in the 15th century.