

Spain Explores the Americas, 1500s

- A.** Use the map on textbook page 63 and the atlas to locate the following bodies of water, modern states and countries, and routes of the Spanish explorers. Then label them on the outline map on the back of this page.

Bodies of Water

Atlantic Ocean
Gulf of Mexico
Pacific Ocean
Mississippi River
Rio Grande
Caribbean Sea

Land Areas

North America
Mexico
Florida
New Mexico
Texas
Puerto Rico
Cuba
Panama
Peru

Routes of Explorers

Balboa
Cabeza de Vaca
Cabrillo
Coronado
Cortés
Ponce de León
De Soto
Pizarro

- B.** After labeling the map, use it to answer the following questions.

1. Which Spanish explorer sailed from Puerto Rico around the coast of Florida?

2. Which explorer led an expedition in the lower Mississippi River valley?

3. Which explorer traveled farther south than any other did?

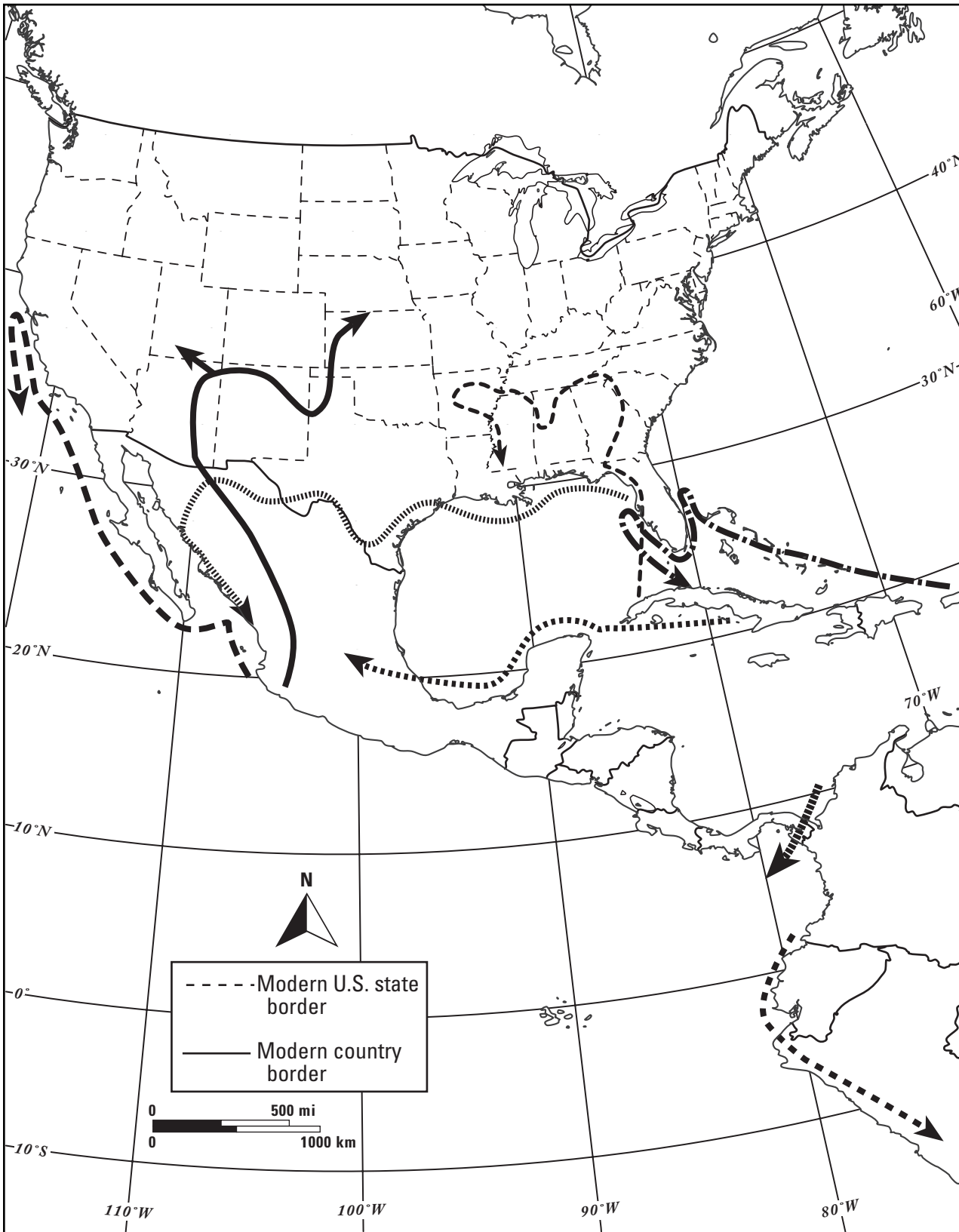
4. Describe the route taken by Cabeza de Vaca.

5. Which three explorers made their journeys almost exclusively by water?

6. What present-day country did one explorer cross to go from one ocean to another?

7. Which explorer does this sentence describe: "Seeking the rumored cities of gold, he traveled through the southwestern United States, primarily present-day New Mexico and neighboring states."

8. In which U.S. state would you expect to find the Cabrillo National Monument? Why?



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