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Amerigo Vespucci: The Man Who Gave America Its Name

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Amerigo Vespucci born?
 - a) Italy
 - b) Spain
 - c) Portugal
 - d) France

2. What was Vespucci trying to find on his first voyage?
 - a) Gold and treasure
 - b) A shorter route to Africa
 - c) A new continent
 - d) A way to Asia

3. Why was Amerigo Vespucci important?
 - a) He was the first person to sail around the world
 - b) He discovered gold in South America
 - c) He realized the land was a new continent, not Asia
 - d) He was the first to reach India by sea

4. How did America get its name?
 - a) A mapmaker named it after Vespucci
 - b) A king named it after himself
 - c) Christopher Columbus gave it the name
 - d) The explorers voted on the name

5. What was one challenge Vespucci faced during his voyages?
 - a) Fighting wars in Europe
 - b) Running out of food and water
 - c) Writing books about his travels
 - d) Being the first person to see Africa

