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Amerigo Vespucci: The Man Who Gave America Its Name

Short Answer Key

1. He wanted to help explorers find new lands and trade routes.
2. He realized it was a new continent, not part of Asia.
3. Martin Waldseemüller named it after Vespucci because he described it as a new world.
4. Storms, lack of food and water, and unknown lands made it very dangerous.
5. He became Spain's chief navigator and trained new explorers.