

Making A New Nation

Name _____

Date _____

Research Roadmap

Prepare

1. BEFORE YOU START
Make sure you review the meaning of the key words.
2. LOOK AT THE CASE STUDY
The Aztec ruled a mighty empire until the arrival of Spanish explorers.
3. CHOOSE A TOPIC
Use the TOPIC FINDER to decide on a general topic. Choose a group of people such as explorers, early settlers, or native peoples. Write a speech for a member of that group.
4. RESEARCH
Explore your topic using the RESEARCH LINKS.
5. PREPARE
Write your speech on index cards. Your speech must have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Rehearse using time-change words such as *then*, *next*, and *later*.

Present

Think of at least three questions you might be asked after making your presentation. Discuss what your answers might be. Good luck!

Key Terms

Renaissance A period of cultural and artistic growth in Europe that began in Italy in the 1300s

navigation The science of determining a ship's location and direction

expedition A journey made for a special purpose

Northwest Passage A water route believed to flow through North America to Asia that European explorers searched for from the 1500s to the 1700s

empire An area in which different groups of people are controlled by one ruler or government

Key Questions

1. Describe the group that you picked for your speech.

Where did the group live? _____

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When did the group live? _____

Predict: How will the person from your group react to meeting people from a new group?

2. What are the parts of your speech?

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

3. Where did you find background information about the person for whom you wrote your speech?
