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Supply the name of the correct explorer in the following sentences.

1. Sailing in the service of England, _____, an Italian navigator, became the first European to visit the northeast coast of North America in 1497.
2. An experienced Italian seaman commissioned by the French, _____ led the first crew to observe and explore the Hudson River, New York Bay, and Cape Cod in 1525. Unfortunately, he also captured some of the native people and brought them back to Europe for display.
3. From 1534 to 1543, _____, a French explorer, searched for a northwest passage to the Orient in what is now Canada. Though he did not find a passage, he did explore much of the interior of North America and claimed new territory for France.
4. With Spain and Portugal controlling much of the trading sea routes, countries began to smuggle goods into smaller, less supervised ports. _____ was one of the English captains most active in these secret operations. Sadly, he promoted the African slave trade as well.
5. An English adventurer who challenged Spanish dominion of the seas, _____ made several voyages to the New World and raided many of Spain's ships. In 1580, he was the first Englishman to sail around the world, making him a national hero. His daring efforts paved the way for England's future supremacy of the seas.