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Report on Hernando de Soto

In the sixthteenth century many parts of the world were still unexplored. Many European countries sent their best explorers to the places including what was to be America. Hernado made a huge impact on the exploration of America and many other settlements. Hernado de Soto was from Spain. He died on May 21, 1542 in Ferriday, Louisiana.

HERNANDO DE SOTO’S EARLY LIFE

Hernando de Soto’s early life was filled with adventure and excitement. Hernando was born 1496 in Jerez de los Caballeros, Spain. At age fourteen he left for Seville. “His father had wanted him to become a lawyer, but De Soto said I would rather explore the West Indies,” said History.com. “When Dávilla invited De Soto to travel to the West Indies,” from biography.com/Hernadno de Soto. That is where he had all his excitement. He played a big part in discovering the south part of America.

# HERNANDO DE SOTO’S EXPLORATION OF AMERICA

Hernando de Soto was the first European to explore a lot in his exploration of America. He left his newly married wife and sold all his belongings to afford the voyage to the New Americas. He assembled a fleet of 10 ships and selected a crew of 700 men based on their fighting Powers, From biography.com/Hernado do Soto. They landed in Tampa Bay, Florida. “He and his crew explored through Georgia, North and South Carolinas, and Tennessee,” said History.com.They took guidance from the Indigenous Americans whom they took captive along the way. They had no success finding gold in the states listed above, they headed back south into Alabama towards Mobile Bay. While they were traveling they had the worst battle yet, against the Indians in Tuscaloosa. Said Biography.com/Hernadno de Soto.They eventually ended up coming across the Mississippi River. This is the discovery that led Hernando de Soto to fame. They eventually crossed the great river. They ventured farther towards Arkansas and northern Louisiana. Until they had to turn around because Hernando became ill. This is why Hernando de Soto is thanked for helping discover some of the best tourist spots in America.

# HERNANDO DE SOTO’S DEATH

# De Soto suffered the same fate as that of many natives and Europeans. He died of a fever. He died on May 21, 1542 in Ferriday, Louisiana. His commanders buried him in the Mississippi River. By then, almost half of de Soto’s men had been struck with fever also. The fevers and sicknesses were from the recent war with the Indians they were fighting. According to Biography.com/Hernado de Soto, in de Soto’s will he asked for Luis de Moscoso Alvarado to be the new leader of the expedition.

# CONCLUSION

We all know that America was not explored or even discovered. Hernando de Soto was the most influential European explorer to explore America. He explored the southern parts of America including what would become Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Thanks to de Soto we have early historical records of the Mississippi River. Hernando de Soto was one of the best European explorers to ever step foot in America.

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