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LESSON 1: Our Country, Northmen, & Prince Henry

I. FACTS TO KNOW:

Native Americans	peoples native to the United States before the arrival of Europeans
Northmen	also called Norsemen, Vikings, or Normans; great seamen from northern Europe
Eric the Red	driven out of Iceland for murder; settled Greenland; also known as Eric Ericsson
Leif the Lucky	son of Eric; first known European to sail west and land in North America
Prince Henry	called Prince Henry the Navigator; Portuguese prince who wanted to find a water route around Africa for trade with the East

II. VOCABULARY:

1. wigwam: _____
2. adobe: _____
3. irrigate: _____
4. caravan: _____
5. navigator: _____

III. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it inaccurate to call North America the "New World"? _____

2. For what were the Northmen known? _____

3. When and where did Leif the Lucky land in North America? _____

4. Why did Leif and his Northmen leave their settlement in North America in 1012? _____

5. Why were Europeans so desperate to find a water route to the East in the 15th century? _____

6. After much research, what plan did Prince Henry come up with for finding better routes to African cities?

7. What did Prince Henry's explorers discover? How far did they get in their quest? _____

IV. ENRICHMENT:

1. **Map:** Locate Europe, India, Norway, the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, Iceland, Labrador, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island, Portugal, Madeira, the Canary Islands, the Cape Verde Islands, and Senegal.
2. **Timeline:** Add the arrival of Leif the Lucky in North America.
3. **Research:** Research the culture of a group of Native Americans who were indigenous to your state. Were they farmers? Hunters? What sort of houses did they live in? How did the physical geography of their area affect their way of life? Combine your research into a 2-3 paragraph report.