**Chapter 2 Vocab**

1. Astrolabe: Technology that helped sailors determine their latitude at sea using the stars
2. Circumnavigate: to travel all the way around the Earth
3. Colony: a group of people who settle in a distant land but are still ruled by the government of their native land
4. Conquistadors: conquerors
5. Mission: religious settlement that aims to spread a religion into a new area
6. Strait: narrow passage of water that connects two larger bodies of water
7. Plantation: Large farm worked by many laborers who live on the property
8. Encomiendas: land grants given to Spanish that included the right to demand labor or taxes from Native Americans