

Cabeza de Vaca Worksheet

Fourth Grade

1. What does the 1529 map tell you about the state of Spanish exploration?

2. Based on the description of the work he was forced to do, was Cabeza de Vaca well treated by the Coastal Indians?

3. What constant condition among the Coastal Indian tribes allowed Cabeza de Vaca to become a trader?

4. What advantages did the life of a trader offer to Cabeza de Vaca?

5. What did the Coastal Indians think about Cabeza de Vaca's role as a trader?

6. What was Cabeza de Vaca's principal objective in becoming a trader?

7. What did Cabeza de Vaca do to cure the Indian of his pain?

8. What was causing the Indian's pain?

9. What was the Indian village's reaction to the successful surgery?

10. Who did the Spaniards say were "lords of the land?" How should the Indians serve their "lords?"

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11. List the comparisons the Indians made between Cabeza de Vaca and his fellow Spaniards?

12. Cabeza de Vaca called buffalos “cows.” How did he describe their hair and meat?
