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* Sailed for Spain-Panama & Hispaniola
* Spanish conquistador-brutal & cruel
* Accomplishment: 1st to see the Pacific Ocean by crossing the **Isthmus of Panama**
* Define **isthmus**- a narrow strip of land that connects to 2 larger landmasses
* Explored South America
* Obstacle: forced to abandon their leaky ship in Hispaniola.
* Obstacle: *in debt-penniless-poor-no money*
* Obstacle: *tried to farm but was unsuccessful*
* Accomplishment: founded a colony-the 1st European settlement in South America
* Accomplishment: **traveled a land expedition through dense rainforest in Panama to be the 1st European to see the eastern side of the Pacific Ocean**
* Obstacle: **killed hundreds of Natives; destroyed their village; fought the local Natives**
* \*\***Balboa claimed the ocean & all the land that touched it for Spain.**
* *Obstacle & Accomplishment: conquered Natives along the Pacific coast &* ***stole their gold***
* \*\*\***Balboa was charged with treason**.
* Define **treason**- betraying ones trust
* \*\*\***Balboa was beheaded**. (A friend framed him committing an act of treason against the King& Queen of Spain. Although he was innocent.)