

Mythical Places

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During the Age of Exploration, many explorers believed in the existence of mythical kingdoms. Read the descriptions below and then draw your interpretations of them.

<p>Portuguese explorer <b>Prince Henry</b> was among those interested in finding the legendary <b>Kingdom of Prester John</b> in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Prester John was a priest whose kingdom was supposedly somewhere in Asia or Africa. This “kingdom” was said to be full of amazing creatures that lived in fire, giants, gems that could restore sight, gold, and a fountain of youth. Prester John was said to be so powerful, that he could alter the course of the Nile River.</p>	
	<p>French explorer <b>Jacques Cartier</b> was among those who heard the Iroquois legend of the <b>Kingdom of Saguenay</b>. The great kingdom was said to be located in Canada. It was said to be full of tall, blond men rich with gold and furs. It was also said to have vast ruby and silver mines. While Saguenay may have been a story made up by the Iroquois to trick the French, some have speculated that it also could have been an ancient Norse settlement.</p>
<p>The main goal of <b>Francisco Coronado’s</b> 1541 exploration of the American southwest was to find the <b>Seven Cities of Cibola</b> – cities apparently so rich, that the roads were paved with gold and the buildings made of gold. Coronado, however, found nothing more than poor Pueblo and Zuni villages in his extensive and exhaustive search, which yielded the discovery of the Grand Canyon and Colorado River.</p>	