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#### Other Books

Travel Narratives from the Age of Discovery, This is a primary source collection of narratives about the travel and discovery in North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe in the 16th century.

For their movements, see The Sagas of the Icelanders (New York: Viking Penguin, 2000), 626-674; Magnus Magnusson and Hermann Pálsson, trans., The Vinland Sagas : The Norse Discovery of America (Baltimore: Penguin Classics, 1965); Kirsten ..."