

## Glossary

abounds	to have more than enough
afford	to spare, to give up, to give access to
ajes	insects found in Mexico; when the female ajes are boiled, a thick substance is produced
anchor	a large, heavy hook-shaped weight used to keep a ship in place
ardent	eager, intense, enthusiastic, sincere
armor	a defensive covering
arquebus	a very early firearm; one shot would be about 100 yards
ascribe	attribute, regard as belonging to
bay	an indentation of a shoreline larger than a cove but smaller than a gulf
bitumen	similar to asphalt
chambers	room, bedroom
channel	an opening, a passageway
contrary	in the opposite direction, opposed to
countercurrent	a current that flows in an opposite direction
cove	a small inlet on the side of a cliff or mountain
crag	a steep cliff or rugged rock
dame	a female with authority or lady of the house
determined	decided, persistent, resolved
devour	destroy completely, swallow up
disastrous	extremely unfortunate, terrible outcome
dromedaries	a camel with one hump, bred for riding and racing
dwell	to live in a place
enchanted	to delight, charm, bewitch
excel	to beat, to exceed, go beyond
fathom	a unit of volume (equal to 6 feet)
flint	a kind of hard stone of gray color
fortress	a type of defensive wall to protect a home or village
gales	strong winds
galley	a boat shaped like a half moon
griffin	mythological creature with an eagle head, wings, and a lion's body
groves	a small group of trees
habitat	natural setting or environment
headway	progress, forward movement

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henceforward	from this time onward
hinges	moveable joints that allows movement, turns, or swings
illustrious	well-known, famous, respected
infinite	boundless, endless, unlimited
jasper	red, yellow, or brown opaque quartz
jut	sticks out
league	a measurement of distance; In Spain this was about 2.6
leeward	on the side away from the wind
maguay	an indigenous plant in the Americas; agave
maize	corn
marvel	wonderful thing or person
masonry	stone work or brick work
mast	a pole
miser	person who hoards wealth, greedy
mooring	a line that holds a boat in place
oppressor	crush, bully, repress, overpower
perchance	by chance, possibility, maybe
planking	wood covering
precipice	vertical or steep faces of a rock, cliff, or mountain
preservation	protect from loss or danger
proportion	size, amount of
reconnoiter	to scout or explore
reef	strip or ridge of rocks that rises to or near the surface of a body of water
reign	to rule or govern
reservoir	a lake used to store water
rugged	uneven ground or earth
savanna	large and flat area of grass in a tropical place
scrubby	sparsely covered with vegetation
seigniory	the power of a lord, the lord's domain
seize	to take hold of, to grab, to capture or take by force
shallow[s]	a part of a body of water that is not very deep
shoal	a sandbank in shallow water
situate[d]	to locate, place, or set in
skiff	a flat-bottomed open boat
skirt	to go around
slab	a flat, thick piece; usually of stone
studded	ornaments on clothing, including buttons

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suitable	good for a certain use or occasion
summon	call upon to appear
surpass	to outdo, to be better than
suspend	to hang from
tack	to move a ship with frequent changes in direction
terrain	landscape, ground
timber	wood from cut trees
torso	the upper body not including head, neck, arms
treacherous	dangerous, unstable
trek	a long journey
twine	string or a lightweight cord
uninhabited	not lived in, empty of people
vegetation	all the plants in a certain area
verge	the extreme edge or margin
vesper	sunset; a planet [star] seen at sunset
vessel	ship, boat, ark
vicinity	in the area of
villa	small village ( <i>as used in these documents</i> )
weary	very tired
windward	facing the direction where the wind is coming
wretched	poor quality or condition