

Age of Exploration

Why might cross-cultural contacts lead people to explore the unknown?

How did European ideas about geography change as a result of exploration?>

What did Magellan's voyage have in common with other Spanish voyages of exploration?

What happened as a result of Portugal and Spain's voyages of exploration?

How might trade lead to both conflict and cooperation between nations?

What difficulties could possibly arise when one culture conquers another and the 2 combine to form a new culture?

How might geographic factors influence colonization patterns?

How did European traders interact with Asian societies in the 1500s and 1600s?

What made overland trade with China and India difficult for European in the 1500s?

How might Europeans overcome these difficulties?

How did China and Japan generally respond to traders from Europe?

How did the Spanish and Portuguese change life in the Americas?

Based on the observations of Las Casas, what was the impact of the Spanish arrival in the Caribbean?

What accounted for Cortes's conquest of the Aztec Empire?

How large was the Inca Empire? How was Pizarro able to defeat the Inca?

What features distinguished the French, Dutch and English colonization in the Americas?

What were these explorers looking for?

How did the failure to find the Northwest Passage affect Northern European countries' goals in the Americas?

What was the goal of French and Dutch colonization?

What were the most important reasons for the establishment of England's North American colonies?

How did the Atlantic slave trade affect Africa and the Americas?

How did the presence of Europeans change slavery and the slave trade in Africa?

What did European merchants ship to Africa in exchange for slaves and gold?

Where were the slaves transported?

What products were shipped from the Americas to Europe?

Why did slavery take root in the Americas?

What led to European expansion, where was this expansion most successful and why?

How did the major European powers deal with their rivals during the 1700s?

What were the results of the 7 Years War?