

The Age of Exploration Webquest

Due: Thursday

Name: _____

Period: _____ **Date:** _____

LINK FOR FIRST 12 QUESTIONS: <http://geography.about.com/od/historyofgeography/a/ageexploration.htm>

Age of Exploration Intro

1. What is another term for the "Age of Exploration"? _____
2. List 2 reasons why these individuals started exploring. _____

Reasons for Exploration & Key Voyages

3. How did the explorers get the funding to make these journeys? _____
4. Which Empire took control of Constantinople in 1453? _____ Why was this a problem for European merchants? _____
5. What were two trade routes that were very important for the Europeans to get to the Far East?

6. The first journeys in the Age of Discovery were conducted under the leadership of _____
7. What was the main goal for Portuguese voyages? _____
8. Which treaty divided the world in half? _____
9. Many important voyages happened during this time, including one by _____ who circumnavigated the globe, the search for a trade route to Asia through the _____ and Captain _____ voyages that allowed him to travel as far as _____.

Contributions to Geography

10. Name three ways that these voyages made a significant impact on geography.

11. Methods of _____ and _____ improved as a result of these travels.
12. By moving away from the shoreline to explore, Prince Henry created one of the first _____ maps.

LINK FOR NEXT 12 QUESTIONS: <http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/age/>

Use the links on the Left side of the page to find the answers

13. What was the Silk Road? _____
14. Why did Columbus sail for Spain (he was from Portugal!)? _____
15. _____ discovered Florida while looking for the mythical _____
16. The 1st permanent settlement in the New World was at _____
17. _____ crushed the _____ empire in _____ and claimed it for Spain.
18. Francisco _____ did the same to the _____ empire in _____.

CONNECT THE COUNTRY TO THE EXPLORER – write the letter of the country that each explorer is from in the blank.

A. Spain

B. Portugal

C. France

D. England

Balboa _____

Cartier _____

Verrazano _____

Drake _____

Coronado _____

19. By the mid-1700's, new _____ disputes between England and _____ resulted in England gaining control over much of _____ after the _____. English colonies flourished until the 1770's when the colonists declared their independence, leading to the _____ War.

FOR THE NEXT SECTION: <http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/legends/>

Silk Road

20. Name three (3) products Marco Polo wrote about after his travels to China.

Conversion

21. One of the goals of most explorers to the New World was to spread the _____ faith

22. Why did some of the native people convert? _____

Northwest Passage

23. Where did the explorers think the Northwest passage WAS? _____

Life on the Ship

24. Name 2 reasons why ship life was hard. _____

25. What is scurvy? _____

26. What sleep disease did many sailors suffer from? _____ Why? _____

1. The End of the Age of Exploration?

“The Age of Exploration is inherent in the human existence. It did not end with vast sea exploits. Adventurers explored by land and air, and now venture into space. Once most of the earth was charted and documented, human beings sought to break time records of air travel around the world. Now that air travel is rapid and routine, mankind has ventured out to the infinity of space.”

Space exploration now holds the same wonder and fables that once fascinated the Europeans of the fifteenth century. Modern generations marvel at mankind's first steps on the moon. Perhaps future generations will marvel at mankind's first steps on Mars, or the first meeting with an alien civilization. What modern truths will turn into the myths of the future?

(a) What do you think is the most important discovery or achievement of the Age of Exploration?

(b) Do you think the Age of Exploration is over?