

### Lesson 3 The Age of Discovery (Exploration)

A. The Crusades during the Medieval period helped stir up interest in the goods of the far east. The Renaissance Age started in the late middle ages (1400 to 1700). It was a blooming of European culture due to the rediscovery of ancient Roman and Greek manuscripts brought to the Italian city states by Byzantium refugees. The wealth accumulated in Venice, Genoa, etc. by the trade from the Silk Road fueled the Renaissance.

B. Vikings, Lief Eriksson, Eric the Red, colonies Greenland and Newfoundland

Contributions- Adventurous spirit, boat design, Courage, Fortitude

C. Portugal takes the lead

1. Prince Henry the Navigator- 1440's

a. Spent his whole life studying navigation instruments, ship construction, and cartography

b. Attracted to his court adventurous men who were interested in the study of navigation.

c. Motivated by hatred for the Muslims and love for the Catholic faith

d. Great stimulation to exploration.

e. Improvement in ship construction (caravel and carak)

2. Portuguese start to explore Atlantic coast of Africa

3. Portuguese discover Cape Verde

4. Bartholomew Diaz rounds the Cape Horn

5. Vasco da Gama sails around Africa to India fails to get many trade goods.

6. At first the Portuguese were prevented from trading with the Indians by Muslims, but they later used raw power of their ship guns to obtain their rights (took 12 years)

7. Monopoly on trade around Africa and in the Indian Ocean

D. Voyages of Christopher Columbus

1. He was from Genoa or Portugal?

2. Believed that by sailing west you could reach the East (China and India)

3. He possessed Marco Polo's travel book

4. Financed by Spanish monarchs (Ferdinand and Isabella)

5. Pinta, Nina and the Santa Maria reached San Salvador in 10 weeks

6. Made three different voyages to the New World
7. His voyages stimulated interest in Europeans countries, never reached North America  
died believing he had reached his goal (islands off the coast of China)
8. Personal Characteristics- devout Christian, very good navigator, good ship captain, poor  
governor.

#### E. Spain continues exploration

1. Vasco de Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean
2. Ponce De Leon explores Florida
3. Cortes conquers the Aztec empire
  - a. Mexico
  - b. Looted much gold
4. Pizarro conquers the Inca empire
  - a. Peru
  - b. Looted lots of gold
5. De Soto explores the South (Fla to La) took part in several expeditions in Central  
America, helped Pizarro defeat the Incas, gets rich, goes back to Spain, gets bored, sold  
his goods and goes on an expedition
  - a. 1539. landed at Tampa Bay, Fla with 10 ships, 700 men, horses, war dogs, hogs
  - b. His soldiers armed with: armor, pikes, cross bows, swords, war dogs
  - c. Method of operation: discover the location of the most powerful chief, travel there,  
take chief hostage, secure Indians for porters, ask about gold and silver. Rob Indians  
of food. If Indians resist, burn loot kill.
  - d. Indians used ambush to attack. Beheaded Spaniards
  - e. Traveled through Fla (slaughtered 300 Indians), Ga, SC, and NC. No gold,
  - f. Traveled into Ten, then back into Ga ( Coosa Indian town- 3000 houses, mound)
  - d. Traveled into Ala ( Indian city of Mobila, Chief Tascalusa, big battle, 20 Spaniards  
killed, many wounded, many horses killed, loose most of their supplies, town  
burned 3000 Indians killed.

#### Lesson 4 (Thursday) Own Your Own

<http://www.oocities.org/tonyball96/americanhistory/301US112301a.htm> scroll to the bottom of page.

Download a map of North America, make 3 copies of this, and trace the expeditions of the explorers following nations from your outline.

1. the Spanish
2. the French
3. the English and Dutch

Read P 37 on <https://www.americanjourneys.org/teachers/pdfs/ajlssn1.pdf> for more information on the Vikings

Find the dates (years) of the explorers in the outline and write them in the outline.

Make a time line showing the above explorers.

You may use the following book. You can download it free since it is no longer copyrighted. Or you can use it on the internet. Use the table of contents to narrow your search.

Pay close attention to Ch XXXIV Drake's Voyage.

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Use the internet to discover the differences in the caravel and the carak. Write a paragraph describing these. Be sure to mention draft, sail types, rudders, maneuverability, cargo space!