

THE AGE OF EXPLORATION

BACKGROUND: The Age of Exploration was a fascinating time in world history. The many explorers that journeyed forth into uncharted territory did so with the dream of riches, new land, and popularity on their mind. Many went for the dream but only a few truly found it and for some they found even more than they could have dreamed for.

But what started these brave men on their explorations, two words, SPICE ISLANDS. As Europe continued to trade with the East (China – isn't it amazing how we still receive most of our goods from there – think of Walmart or Target) they realized that it was costly to pay a middle man (primarily Turkey and Italy) thus causing the price of the goods to sometimes double. The European countries decided that they could probably find their own route to the Spice Islands and thus cut out the middle man allowing them to gain the much desired goods at a cheaper rate. The European countries tried two strategies, one was to go east, that is until they realized Africa was HUGE!! The other strategy was to go west, for they felt that the world was not that large, boy, could they have been any more wrong! And thus starts the fascinating Age of Exploration where storms, brave men, and yes sometimes stupidity play an integral part in the finding of the Americas, that the world is round, and that there truly is no faster way to the SPICE ISLANDS.

PART I:

Why did the Age of Exploration start? Name three more reasons that have nothing to do with the Spice Islands.

(<http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/> or use Section 32.2 in your book "Motivations for Exploration")



PART II:

Looking at Part I.... Imagine you were asked to go on an expedition across an unknown, dangerous ocean, for which reason would you be tempted to go. You must pick one and explain why you picked that choice.



PART III:

A huge storm has hit and unfortunately our daring explorers were caught in it and found themselves washed up on the shore of some unknown land. Even worse, they have no idea who they are, yet strangely can recall how amazing they are and what they are best known for. Your task is to find out who they all are by using the websites listed below. Good Luck!

<http://mrnuessbaum.com/explorers/explorerprofiles/> or use pages 406 – 415 in your textbook

I was looking for a sea route to the Spice Islands, just like everyone else, but first I had to get a country to sponsor me. My home country of Italy said, "No Colon, we will not help you." Then I begged Queen Isabella many times until she finally said yes. I never actually made it to the Spice Islands, instead I found the Caribbean islands (contrary to the website, which claims I made it to N. America). I did all of this in 1492 and made several voyages. Heck, you even have a holiday named after me!

I am _____ My country is _____

I was never really a sailor but I sponsored many sailors that left multiple ports in Portugal. I started a school for sailors to learn how to navigate the oceans, this may be why my nickname is "the Navigator." I am even responsible for many explorers getting over their fear of sea monsters and thus sending the first explorers to the Spice Islands.

I am _____ My country is _____

I was trying to find the Northwest Passage (a passage that goes west through what is now Canada (they didn't know Canada was there) to get to the Spice Islands. Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, I found a whole new land instead of just finding a passage. I was the first person to really explore the east coast of the United States, as I explored and claimed all the land from Maine to North Carolina. I especially spent a lot of time in the New York area and found the harbor. Wow, they even named a bridge after me in New York's harbor.

I am _____ My country is _____

I am so famous as I am the first man to sail around Africa and the Cape of Good Hope (originally called the Cape of Storms) and get to India. My father was supposed to have taken on this task, but unfortunately he passed away. Do not let the ease at which I tell this tale fool you, for it was not easy, actually it was very hard as I was chased out of India and came back to trade only when I had enough army ships and soldiers with me.

I am _____ My country is _____

Like many others I was looking for a route to the Spice Islands and took the northern route known as the Northwest Passage. With my son, Sebastian, I crossed the Atlantic Ocean and found a great new land and came up with a really tricky name... ready..... Newfoundland....get it! New Found Land! So funny! I also found Nova Scotia and was the first person to claim land for my country in North America.

I am _____ My country is _____

I am amazing and should live forever. I have the most amazing looks if I do say so myself. The ladies flock to see how gorgeous I am. I will stay young and beautiful forever. I will look for the Fountain of Youth. Actually I think I know where it is! As the governor of Puerto Rico I have the money to search for the Fountain of Youth which I believe is on the mainland of North America. I found the peninsula of Florida and named it Florida which stands for "the land of flowers." Unfortunately, I did not live forever or find the Fountain of Youth.

I am _____ My country is _____

I am a great conquistador, governor of Hispaniola (today Dominican Republic and Haiti) and explorer. After hearing many stories of Christopher Columbus who was also an explorer for my home country and my Indian friends, I decided to go exploring and found a skinny strip of land that is now known as the Isthmus of Panama. Once I found the isthmus I went even further and found a great piece of water, actually this great piece of water covers 1/3 of the entire world, I called it the South Sea but some goofy other explorer renamed it the Pacific Ocean. Before I died I made the first European settlement in South America.

I am _____ My country is _____

Though many explorers before me tried to find the Northwest Passage and were stopped by a huge mass of land, no one ever stopped and named it. However, I was smart enough to claim all of that land for my home country. I called it Canada; this could be the reason that some of the people there still speak my language. I also found one of the most important rivers of the northern area of North America (your teacher tells me that you should try to remember the name of this river for next year as it is really important in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the French and Indian War). This important river is called the St. Lawrence River. The finding of this great river also made it possible for other explorers to settle Canada.

I am _____ My country is _____

I am a great conquistador who was obsessed with gold and riches that were rumored to be in and nearby islands. Throughout my journey the Indians stayed away from my men as they thought I was a god. Even though I did not find all of the amazing riches that should have been mine, I found Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas and claimed them for my country. Finally I found the Mississippi River which I crossed once and then I died of a disease and instead of crossing the Mississippi a second time my men buried me in the river. Why you ask.....they didn't want the Indians to know that I was dead since gods can't die. That trick kept my men safe so that they could get out of North America.

I am _____ My country is _____

I was looking for a western route to the Spice Islands and in doing so I commissioned over 100 men from the Queen and set sail. I sailed past where Columbus, Ponce de Leon, and de Soto stopped and kept heading west, oh my gosh, I think that the world must be huge. I found a straight at the bottom of South America and named it after myself and then I sailed onto the South Sea and renamed it the Pacific Ocean (Pacific meaning peaceful). We then went on to the Philippines and tried to convince the natives to turn into Christians. Unfortunately, I was killed here and did not complete my voyage. But my men made it the rest of the way around the world and I was credited with being the first man who circumnavigated the world.

I am _____ My country is _____

I also was looking for the Northwest Passage, but even cooler than my previous explorers I set up the first permanent European settlement in what is today known as Canada. I followed the St. Lawrence River and set up the great city of Quebec. Here is a rather embarrassing story, but it shows you how I was destined to be great, I literally fell into a new lake while fighting with the Huron against the Iroquois and named it after myself. How cool is that?

I am _____ My country is _____

Even though I may have been born into a lower class family, I am truly one of the most fantastic explorers of all time, not only was a good looking and had the ear of the most powerful queen of the Renaissance I was also an explorer, a knight, and the person who defeated the Spanish Armada. Some call me a pirate since I took gold from Spain....but I say neigh, neigh I am just a fierce warrior for my great island nation. I touched California and named a bay after myself, I was the first person from my country to circumnavigate. Actually I was the first man to complete a full circumnavigation of the world without dying. I am amazing truly amazing!

I am _____ My country is _____



PART IV:

Provisions for your ship. If you were the provisions officer and had to supply your ship for a four month voyage out to sea, what types of food and drink would you take and why? You can use either modern or historical food. Don't forget you do not have a refrigerator to keep your food from spoiling, so you have to bring food that will keep you healthy and not spoil. List at least 5 items.

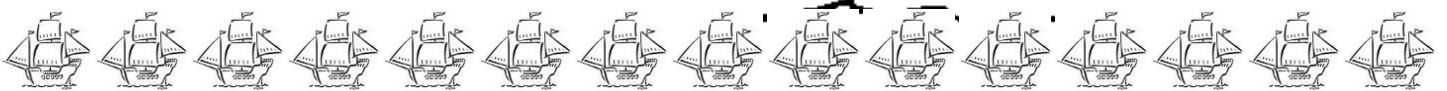
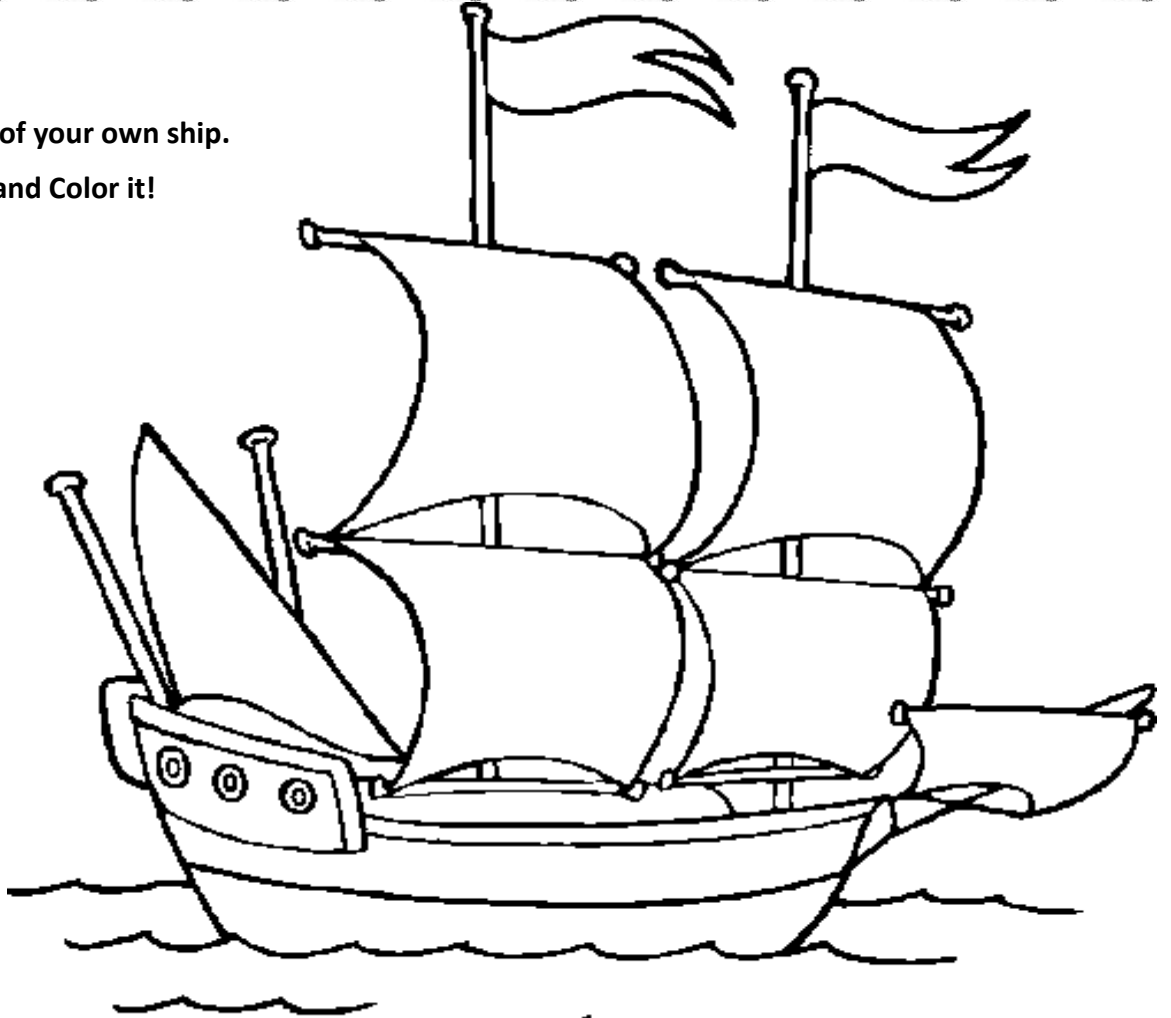
You must list at least one example of a new invention listed in Section 32.2 (pg 405 – 406) "Advances in Knowledge & Technology."



PART V.

You are the captain of your own ship.

Design it, Name it, and Color it!



PART VI:

Exploration allowed not only new adventures, but also new materials to come into Europe. Due to exploration a new type of market, called capitalism, was set up. Explain capitalism, mercantilism, cottage industry, labor demands, and market economy and how exploration brought them about. (Use page 416- 417 in History alive – you may continue writing on the top of the next page).



I passed the test!



PART VII: Complete the Exploration Map

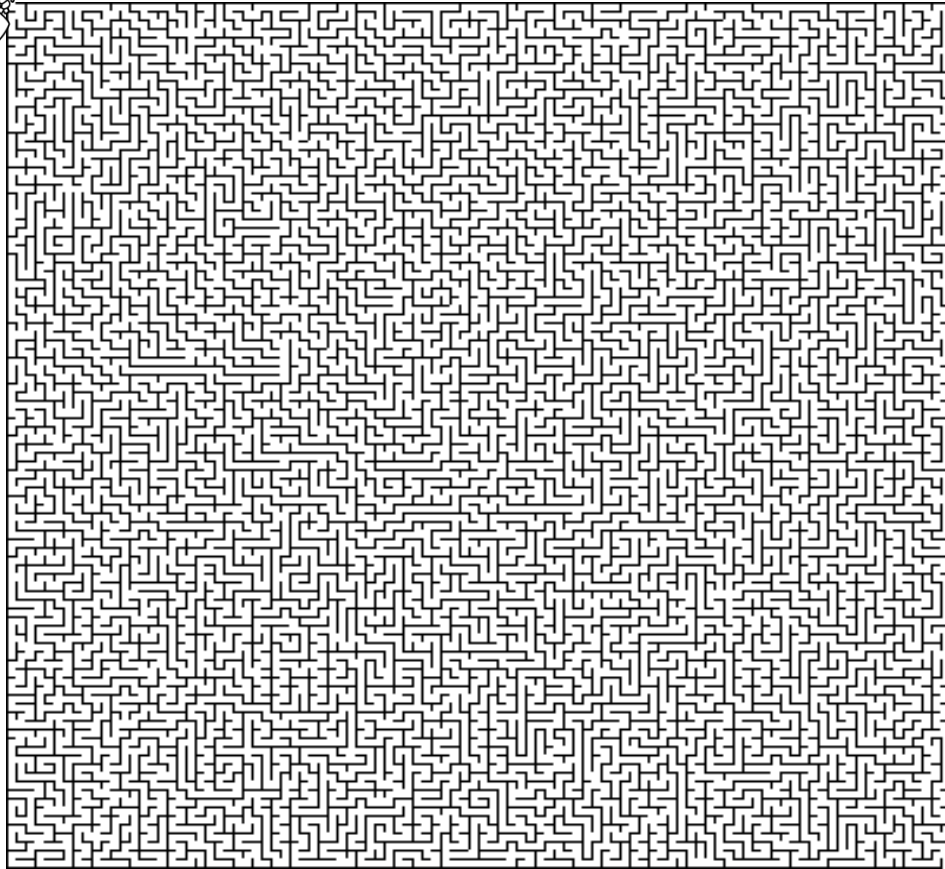


Label the Following Items on your Map (Use the map on page 662 in Journey Across Time, use pages 406 – 415 in History Alive).

- All Continents in Green
- Pacific Ocean in Blue
- Atlantic Ocean in Blue
- Indian Ocean in Blue
- Columbus's Exploration Route in Red
- Magellan's Route in Orange
- Vasco da Gama's Route in Purple
- Cartier's Route in Black
- Hudson's Route in Brown
- Cortes' Route in Gray
- Pizzaro's Route in Pink
- Shade in the Aztec & Inca Empires in Yellow



PART VIII: Help the pirate find his ship through this maze.



PART IX: When explorers first went into the uncharted oceans of the world, they feared more than anything the sea monsters. Yes, they believed that monsters would come out of the deep and eat their ships. Create your own sea monster and color it in.

