



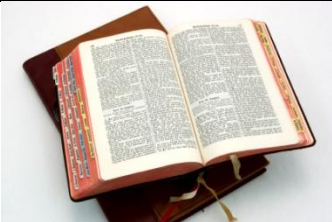
This was important to explorers
because . . . planting a flag on a new land
claimed that land for their country and
ruler.



This was important to explorers
because . . . it showed which direction
their ship was heading.



This was important to explorers
because . . . many New World plants,
such as corn, potatoes, and beans,
provided healthful new foods for Europe.



This was important to explorers
because . . . they used the Bible to help
them spread the Christian religion.



This was important to explorers because . . . It became a valuable cash crop for colonies in the New World.



This was important to explorers because . . . maps showed the information they needed to know to cross the ocean. Ocean maps include such features as rocky shores and safe ports. Maps for navigation show where winds blow and ocean currents flow.



This was important to explorers because . . . to cross an open ocean and arrive at their destination, sailors needed a way to find their location and stay on course. This tool helped them measure their ship's latitude and navigate by day or night.



This was important to explorers because . . . European countries wanted to build their wealth.