

Questions about Exploring the Americas

1. What are some advancements in technology that paved the way for European exploration?
2. Why did Europeans explore and colonize the Americas?
3. How did the caravel affect exploration in a positive way?
4. Name some positive and some negative contributions of Europeans in America.
5. How did the reforms of Martin Luther bring about religious change?
6. What did the European explorers look for when they began to head west?
7. How was the relationship between European explorers and Native American?
8. What was the impact of the defeat of the Aztec Empire?
9. What was the impact of the establishment of Spanish Missions?
10. Can you name the geographical regions like central Africa, or southwestern North America?
11. Can you name some of the major events of the Age of Exploration both graphically and orally?
12. Where and when did the Renaissance take place?
13. In what way did trade bring about the Renaissance?
14. What were the most powerful empires in Africa?
15. What did the Middle East, Africa, and Asia have that Europeans wanted?
16. Which country took the lead in finding a sea trade route to India?
17. What was the importance of the voyages of Dias and da Gama?
18. What did Spain have to gain in supporting Columbus and his voyage?
19. Why was it such an achievement for someone to circumnavigate the globe?
20. Why was America named America and not Columbia?
21. Why did Portugal start to explore new ocean routes?