



# The Renaissance

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Global History and Geography 9

## The Age of Exploration

### I. Causes of Exploration

- ◆ Sea routes to Asia were discovered for the purpose of trade:
  - land travel was by \_\_\_\_\_ and was slow...raiders often attacked caravans
  - \_\_\_\_\_ traders monopolized commerce through North Africa and the Middle East, and sea routes to Asia would "cut out the middle man"
  - sea travel was faster, but Europeans had not yet charted a route to \_\_\_\_\_, the source of many desired goods
  - the \_\_\_\_\_ led the way in discovering a sea route eastward around \_\_\_\_\_:
    - ◆ Prince \_\_\_\_\_ "the Navigator" ran a school for sailors, his students would accomplish great things
    - ◆ Bartholomeu \_\_\_\_\_ was the first to discover a sea route to India, having rounded Southern Africa, but he could not complete the voyage
    - ◆ Vasco \_\_\_\_\_ was the first to follow Dias' route to its destination, and he reached India and returned with goods from India
  - Christopher \_\_\_\_\_ was an Italian explorer who believed that a \_\_\_\_\_ route to India was possible:
    - ◆ he could not gain financing for his voyage among Italian city-states, but Ferdinand and Isabella of \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored his voyage
    - ◆ in his many trips west he failed to find a way to India, but he did discover much of Latin America and \_\_\_\_\_...but he believed he was in the \_\_\_\_\_ Indies
  - Later explorers like Henry \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sought a new western passage to Asia that they believed existed through North America:
    - ◆ they called this imaginary waterway "The \_\_\_\_\_"
    - ◆ although they failed to find such a route, they did discover much of North America for England, France and the Netherlands



Vasco Da Gama

- ◆ The Desire for Empire:
  - As European nations discovered new land, they competed to build new empires in the "\_\_\_\_\_".
    - ◆ the \_\_\_\_\_ establishing holdings in Brazil
    - ◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ built their empire in South America, the West Indies(Caribbean) and Southern/Western North America.
    - ◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ built their empire in North America.
    - ◆ The late-arriving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ grabbed pieces of land in Eastern North America.

- ◆ New Tools:
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ made it possible for explorers to determine the direction traveled at sea(the compass was invented in China, but Europeans used it for sea navigation)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ was a device that used star position to help determine North-South latitude.
  - The invention of the \_\_\_\_\_, a three-masted, large ship made extended voyages possible(it could carry a large amount of food/water/cargo)



an astrolabe

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Arabs of the Middle East had seen to the development of new understandings of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that helped with navigation and ship-building. These ideas were \_\_\_\_\_ to Europeans through trade

## II. Results of Exploration

◆The New World and the Atlantic Ocean became new \_\_\_\_\_ where these European nations continued their rivalries. European influence in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ increased dramatically.

◆European countries became \_\_\_\_\_ powers that claimed the lands and resources of the American natives that they encountered. The Spaniards \_\_\_\_\_ the native populations. \_\_\_\_\_ slaves later replaced the native population which died largely of disease. Asia and Africa were later colonized by the Europeans. As well.

◆Commerce between the New World and Europe flourished

- the \_\_\_\_\_ Exchange began between the New World and “Old World”(Europe)
- to finance expensive trans-Atlantic business ventures, new types of business arrangements evolved...

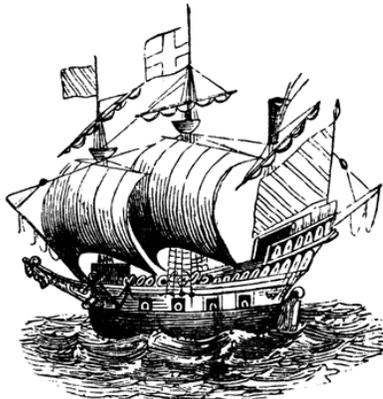
◆ \_\_\_\_\_ companies involved many investors providing start up money, or \_\_\_\_\_, in exchange for

certificates(\_\_\_\_\_ ) promising them a share of the profit

- ◆ examples of such companies were the Dutch East India Co. and British East India Co.

◆this new fusion of \_\_\_\_\_ (investors) and new business owners, or \_\_\_\_\_, was known as the “ \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution”

◆this form of business, eventually known as “ \_\_\_\_\_”, came to dominate European economics



*a caravel*



\_\_\_\_\_ (defined): a free market economic system where citizens can invest capital(money) in exchange for partial ownership of a company

- France, Netherlands and England used \_\_\_\_\_ to take full advantage of their colonies: colonies provided \_\_\_\_\_ to mother countries while they also served as markets to sell \_\_\_\_\_ goods(this meant that European nations were selling more than they were buying, or, \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_)



\_\_\_\_\_ (defined): colonies exist for the good of the mother country by acting as markets to which goods are exported

•Caribbean-based \_\_\_\_\_ flourished, usually attempting to intercept gold mined in Spanish colonies and headed for Spain

◆Christianity spread from Europe to the Western Hemisphere(Americas)

- the French & British spread \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in N.America
- the Spanish & Portuguese spread \_\_\_\_\_ in Latin America