

Unit 5: The Age of Exploration

While most of Europe was experiencing great internal change brought on by the Renaissance and Reformation, some Europeans were looking outward, away from their homes and toward the possibilities of new worlds and new riches elsewhere. With Italy's power and control of trade with Asia, and with the rest of Europe's newfound interest in imported luxury items, other countries began to realize that if they were to enjoy the power, wealth, and prestige that Italy had, they would need to find access to trade by themselves.

Italy already controlled trade through the Mediterranean; that meant other European countries had to look elsewhere for their trade routes. Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, and other nations bordering the Atlantic took the lead in exploration, first southward,

around the tip of Africa, then west and northwest, looking for new, easy routes to the East.

One unexpected result of this exploration was the discovery of much more than a new route to a known market. With Europeans' discovery of the New World, instead of finding a new market, they found a land whose exploration and exploitation would determine the strength of European monarchies for years to come, and the fates of millions of people already living in the land that the European explorers had suddenly "discovered"

This unit investigates the human and economic forces behind the time period known as the Age of Exploration, and explores how the discoveries of that age led to a new way of looking at the world.

Assignment	Pages	Due	Points
1. Columbus True & False	434-439	3/25	___ /10
2. Early Explorations (Ch 17.1) *	434-439	3/26	___ /20
3. Overseas Empires (Ch. 17.2) *	440-445	3/28	___ /20
4. Changing Ways of Life (Ch 17.3)*	446-450	4/1	___ /20

In-Class, Quizzes, Tests, & Projects

***Each homework assignment above is followed by an open-note quiz; Unit Test is not open note.**

1. Assignment 1 Quiz *	3/27 ___ /15	4. Exploration WebByte	4/1 ___ /25
2. Explorers' Map	3/31 ___ /10	5. Assignment 3 Quiz *	4/2 ___ / 15
3. Assignment 2 Quiz *	3/31 ___ /15	6. Vocabulary Test	4/3 ___ / 10
		7. Unit Test	4/4 ___ / 25

UNIT VOCABULARY Review these terms as the unit proceeds to prepare for your Unit Vocabulary Test

circumnavigate	enslave	entrepreneur	exchange	expedition
indigenous	maritime	papal	serendipity	sufficient