

# The Age of Exploration Webquest

**Due: Thursday**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Period:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LINK FOR FIRST 12 QUESTIONS:** <http://geography.about.com/od/historyofgeography/a/ageexploration.htm>

## Age of Exploration Intro

1. What is another term for the "Age of Exploration"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. List 2 reasons why these individuals started exploring. \_\_\_\_\_

## Reasons for Exploration & Key Voyages

3. How did the explorers get the funding to make these journeys? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which Empire took control of Constantinople in 1453? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was this a problem for European merchants? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What were two trade routes that were very important for the Europeans to get to the Far East?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. The first journeys in the Age of Discovery were conducted under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was the main goal for Portuguese voyages? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which treaty divided the world in half? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Many important voyages happened during this time, including one by \_\_\_\_\_ who circumnavigated the globe, the search for a trade route to Asia through the \_\_\_\_\_ and Captain \_\_\_\_\_ voyages that allowed him to travel as far as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Contributions to Geography

10. Name three ways that these voyages made a significant impact on geography.  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Methods of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ improved as a result of these travels.
12. By moving away from the shoreline to explore, Prince Henry created one of the first \_\_\_\_\_ maps.

**LINK FOR NEXT 12 QUESTIONS:** <http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/age/>

**Use the links on the Left side of the page to find the answers**

13. What was the Silk Road? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Why did Columbus sail for Spain (he was from Portugal!)? \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_ discovered Florida while looking for the mythical \_\_\_\_\_
16. The 1<sup>st</sup> permanent settlement in the New World was at \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_ crushed the \_\_\_\_\_ empire in \_\_\_\_\_ and claimed it for Spain.
18. Francisco \_\_\_\_\_ did the same to the \_\_\_\_\_ empire in \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONNECT THE COUNTRY TO THE EXPLORER** – write the letter of the country that each explorer is from in the blank.

A. Spain

B. Portugal

C. France

D. England

Balboa \_\_\_\_\_

Cartier \_\_\_\_\_

Verrazano \_\_\_\_\_

Drake \_\_\_\_\_

Coronado \_\_\_\_\_

19. By the mid-1700's, new \_\_\_\_\_ disputes between England and \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in England gaining control over much of \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_. English colonies flourished until the 1770's when the colonists declared their independence, leading to the \_\_\_\_\_ War.

**FOR THE NEXT SECTION:** <http://mrnussbaum.com/explorers/legends/>

### Silk Road

20. Name three (3) products Marco Polo wrote about after his travels to China.

\_\_\_\_\_

### Conversion

21. One of the goals of most explorers to the New World was to spread the \_\_\_\_\_ faith

22. Why did some of the native people convert? \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Passage

23. Where did the explorers think the Northwest passage WAS? \_\_\_\_\_

### Life on the Ship

24. Name 2 reasons why ship life was hard. \_\_\_\_\_

25. What is scurvy? \_\_\_\_\_

26. What sleep disease did many sailors suffer from? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

### **1. The End of the Age of Exploration?**

“The Age of Exploration is inherent in the human existence. It did not end with vast sea exploits. Adventurers explored by land and air, and now venture into space. Once most of the earth was charted and documented, human beings sought to break time records of air travel around the world. Now that air travel is rapid and routine, mankind has ventured out to the infinity of space.”

**Space exploration now holds the same wonder and fables that once fascinated the Europeans of the fifteenth century. Modern generations marvel at mankind's first steps on the moon. Perhaps future generations will marvel at mankind's first steps on Mars, or the first meeting with an alien civilization. What modern truths will turn into the myths of the future?**

(a) What do you think is the most important discovery or achievement of the Age of Exploration?

(b) Do you think the Age of Exploration is over?