The Age of Exploration Webquest

Name: ___________________________
Due: Thursday
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 1st 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.

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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.


**Silk Road**

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

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**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? ________________________________


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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?