



Guided Reading Activity 3-2



Portugal and the Age of Exploration

DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

Main Idea: Prince Henry of Portugal was affected by the Renaissance search for knowledge. He also wanted to spread the Catholic faith.

1. **Detail:** Prince Henry wanted to find an ocean route around _____ to _____.

2. **Detail:** He also wanted to locate the source of the gold that came from lands far south in _____.

3. **Detail:** To accomplish his goals, Prince Henry realized that sailors needed to know more about _____ or the science of piloting ships.

4. **Detail:** Prince Henry helped _____ lead the rest of Europe into the Age of Exploration.

Main Idea: During Europe's Middle Ages, three large kingdoms controlled trade routes that ran from North Africa to the West African coast.

5. **Detail:** The people of _____ traded gold, salt, dates, and ivory.

6. **Detail:** The _____ trading city of Timbuktu became a leading center of Islamic culture.

7. **Detail:** The largest of the three empires, _____ grew rich from trade in gold and ivory.

Main Idea: Portugal's search for riches affected Africa and Africans.

8. **Detail:** The Portuguese named three coastal areas of Africa:

9. **Detail:** The Portuguese captured Africans and sold them. An

_____ is forced to serve another person in ways decided by a slaveholder.

Main Idea: Portuguese navigators continued to seek a route around Africa that would lead to Asia.

10. **Detail:** Explorer _____ rounded the southern tip of Africa; The king of Portugal named this tip the _____.

11. **Detail:** Explorer _____ rounded Africa and crossed the Indian Ocean. He landed on the west coast of _____.

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Guided Reading Activity 3-3



Columbus Reaches the Americas

DIRECTIONS: Recalling Facts Read the section and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

1. Who wrote the *Description of the World* that formed the basis of Christopher Columbus's geography?

2. What island group attracted Columbus's attention?

3. Who taught Columbus sailing skills and theories about geography?

4. What country refused to finance a westward voyage toward Asia by Columbus?

5. What country refused Columbus's requests at first but eventually supplied his voyage?

6. Where did Columbus and his crew first arrive and claim land?

7. Where did Columbus believe he had landed?

8. What group of island people did Columbus meet?

9. What two additional islands did Columbus explore? _____
and _____
10. When Columbus returned to Spain, what interested the Spanish monarchs most about Columbus's reports?

11. How many return voyages did Columbus make to the Americas?

12. What was the name of the first permanent European colony in the Western Hemisphere?

13. What did the Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci claim to have discovered?

14. Where did the name *America* first appear?

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Guided Reading Activity 3-4

Early European Claims to the Americas

DIRECTIONS: Outlining Read the section and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Spain Conquers the Caribbean

A. The first workers on Spanish plantations were _____

B. When the Spanish needed more workers, they brought _____ to the islands.

C. A priest who asked the Spanish government to help the Native Americans was _____

II. Balboa and the Pacific/Magellan Sails Around the World

A. Vasco Núñez de Balboa and his men crossed a narrow strip of land called the _____

B. Although Ferdinand Magellan was not the first to see the _____, he named it.

C. On his voyage around the world, Magellan's final stop was the _____

Only 18 of the original 241-person crew completed the trip.

III. The English Sail West

A. Like Columbus, John Cabot assumed he had reached Asia, but he actually landed off the coast of _____

_____ in what is present-day _____

B. What happened to the captain, _____ is still a mystery.

C. His voyages, however, gave _____ its first claim to land in North America.

IV. The French and the Northwest Passage

A. While searching for the Northwest Passage, _____

_____ became the first European to sail into the harbor of present-day New York City.

B. Jacques Cartier claimed present-day _____ for France.

C. The _____ were not interested in a Northwest Passage and continued to explore in the South.



Section Quiz 3-1

Explorers Reach the Americas

A Changing Europe

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with the items in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. land visited by Leif Eriksson
- _____ 2. home of Marco Polo
- _____ 3. holy land for Christians and Muslims
- _____ 4. home of Leif Eriksson
- _____ 5. site of Norse settlement in North America

Column B

- A. Greenland
- B. Newfoundland
- C. Vinland
- D. Palestine
- E. Italy

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice In the blank at the left, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (10 points each)

- _____ 6. During the Renaissance, many developments were made in
 - A. art.
 - B. religion.
 - C. exploration.
 - D. medicine.
- _____ 7. Cathay was in present-day
 - A. Canada.
 - B. Italy.
 - C. Japan.
 - D. China.
- _____ 8. During the First Crusade, Christians captured
 - A. Cairo.
 - B. Jerusalem.
 - C. Damascus.
 - D. Canton.
- _____ 9. The first members of Europe's middle class were
 - A. merchants.
 - B. bankers.
 - C. farmers.
 - D. industrialists.
- _____ 10. In the feudal system, serfs were
 - A. manor owners.
 - B. priests.
 - C. landless peasants.
 - D. soldiers.

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Columbus Reaches the Americas

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with the items in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. where Christopher Columbus's ships first landed
- _____ 2. named after explorer Amerigo Vespucci
- _____ 3. where Columbus first saw flamingos
- _____ 4. currently divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic
- _____ 5. Columbus founded this colony

Column B

- A. Hispaniola
- B. America
- C. Cuba
- D. Santo Domingo
- E. Bahamas

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice In the blank at the left, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (10 points each)

- _____ 6. Columbus learned many of his sailing skills from the
 - A. French.
 - B. Portuguese.
 - C. Spanish.
 - D. Japanese.
- _____ 7. The explorer who realized he had come upon a "new world" was
 - A. Christopher Columbus.
 - B. Marco Polo.
 - C. Amerigo Vespucci.
 - D. King Ferdinand.
- _____ 8. Columbus's first voyage to the west was financed by rulers from
 - A. France.
 - B. Italy.
 - C. Portugal.
 - D. Spain.
- _____ 9. Columbus's flagship was called the
 - A. *Santa María*.
 - B. *Pinta*.
 - C. *Niña*.
 - D. *Queen Isabella*.
- _____ 10. The first people Columbus's crew met were the
 - A. Taino.
 - B. Caribes.
 - C. Cubans.
 - D. Cherokee.

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Section Quiz 3-4



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Early European Claims to the Americas

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with the items in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. Ferdinand Magellan's final island stop
- _____ 2. named after a Portuguese sea captain
- _____ 3. first explorer to discover a way across America
- _____ 4. where Vasco Núñez de Balboa crossed
- _____ 5. the French hired him to find the Northwest Passage

Column B

- A. Vasco Núñez de Balboa
- B. Isthmus of Panama
- C. Strait of Magellan
- D. Philippine Islands
- E. Giovanni da Verrazano

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice In the blank at the left, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (10 points each)

- _____ 6. The Spaniards wanted Native Americans to become
 - A. Lutherans.
 - B. atheists.
 - C. Catholics.
 - D. Baptists.

- _____ 7. After the gold in the Caribbean Islands had all been mined, the Spanish turned to
 - A. mining silver.
 - B. ranching.
 - C. industry.
 - D. agriculture.

- _____ 8. John Cabot was sent to America by the king of
 - A. England.
 - B. France.
 - C. Spain.
 - D. Italy.

- _____ 9. Jacques Cartier claimed present-day Canada for
 - A. England.
 - B. Portugal.
 - C. Spain.
 - D. France.

- _____ 10. The Spanish enslaved Africans and
 - A. Native Americans.
 - B. the French.
 - C. Chinese.
 - D. Mexicans.

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