

Social Studies  
Chapter 3: **THE AGE OF  
EXPLORATION**



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

I. A Legendary Land

A. Stories of an Unknown Land

1. between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ settled in Iceland and Greenland
3. they then traveled to the \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ proves it's true

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Saga

1. **saga** - \_\_\_\_\_ story that tells about the \_\_\_\_\_ deed of people of long ago
2. Leif \_\_\_\_\_ - set out sailing west to find this land in \_\_\_\_\_ A.D.
3. found a land of no \_\_\_\_\_, but had trees and **knolls** - \_\_\_\_\_ (Canada)
4. built houses of \_\_\_\_\_ and then wood and stone in *Vinland* where they \_\_\_\_\_ and hunted
5. had an unfriendly **encounter** - \_\_\_\_\_ and left

C. \_\_\_\_\_ and Exploration

1. **exploration** - \_\_\_\_\_
2. people didn't \_\_\_\_\_ much after the Vikings
  - a. sea \_\_\_\_\_ and boiling \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ sails requiring \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. very few \_\_\_\_\_ (inaccurate - wrong)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ of kingdoms and villages were too busy fighting one another (no \_\_\_\_\_ government)

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ World

1. Martin \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany
  - a. **cartographer** - \_\_\_\_\_

- b. made first globe in 1492
  - c. it was a map in the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_ (“Earth apple”)
2. very inaccurate
- a. left out \_\_\_\_\_ America
  - b. left out South \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. left out \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. left out \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ was too small
  - f. the whole \_\_\_\_\_ was too small!
3. No Europeans knew about the rest of the world that was out there!



## II. European Exploration

### A. Marco Polo (\_\_\_\_\_, Italy in Europe)

1. only \_\_\_\_\_ years old – 1271
2. took \_\_\_\_\_ years on horses and \_\_\_\_\_ through mountains and \_\_\_\_\_ to reach China - **caravan**
3. traded in \_\_\_\_\_ (Cathay); land of many \_\_\_\_\_ and the Indies (islands off the coast of China)
4. visited \_\_\_\_\_ and Persia and heard stories of \_\_\_\_\_
5. returned to Venice \_\_\_\_\_ years later a rich man
6. told many stories of his travels (some \_\_\_\_\_, some not)
7. others went to Asia to do the same

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Routes to the East

1. Europeans traded with \_\_\_\_\_ a lot on the \_\_\_\_\_ Road
  - a. gold
  - b. jewels
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. perfumes
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ most of all
    - 1.) \_\_\_\_\_, cloves, \_\_\_\_\_, and nutmeg
    - 2.) hid the taste of \_\_\_\_\_ meat (no fridges!)
2. then traded in the \_\_\_\_\_ East
  - a. Asia was too far and took too long
  - b. went to Middle East (North \_\_\_\_\_ and Southwest Asia) instead of Far East (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. traded with others coming from Asia
  - d. returned home and sold goods for lots of \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ended the trade
  - a. took control of Constantinople in the Middle East
  - b. closed the trade \_\_\_\_\_ for Europeans

### C. Changes in Europe

1. **monarchs** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ruled instead of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. strong \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. formed countries like Portugal, \_\_\_\_\_, France, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. had time and \_\_\_\_\_ to support exploration
2. **Renaissance** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. age of \_\_\_\_\_, art, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. eager to learn and \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. eager to find a new route to \_\_\_\_\_

d. new technology



1.) faster \_\_\_\_\_ - new triangular sail

2.) better **compass** - \_\_\_\_\_ used to find \_\_\_\_\_ with the needle always pointing \_\_\_\_\_

3.) sextant, chronometer, and \_\_\_\_\_ – tool that measures height of the sun to figure north and south distances

4.) gunpowder – gave them \_\_\_\_\_

5.) better maps and \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Leads the Way

1. to find \_\_\_\_\_ route to Asia

2. Prince \_\_\_\_\_

a. started a school for **navigation** - study of how to \_\_\_\_\_ and control the \_\_\_\_\_ (SECRET)

b. nicknamed “Prince Henry the \_\_\_\_\_”

c. planned over \_\_\_\_\_ voyages but never \_\_\_\_\_

d. decided to sail south around \_\_\_\_\_ and then east

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. fruit

c. gold

d. \_\_\_\_\_

1.) Africans and \_\_\_\_\_ Americans had slaves for years

2.) Portugal was buying \_\_\_\_\_/year

4. Bartholomeu \_\_\_\_\_

a. first to sail around tip of Africa’s \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. sailors met \_\_\_\_\_ and got hungry, \_\_\_\_\_ and tired

c. returned to \_\_\_\_\_

5. Vasco \_\_\_\_\_

a. sailed around Cape of Good Hope to \_\_\_\_\_

b. had made it around Africa to \_\_\_\_\_!

c. returned with many \_\_\_\_\_

III. "I, Columbus: My \_\_\_\_\_"

A. Intro.

1. Christopher Columbus

- a. sailor from \_\_\_\_\_
- b. read of \_\_\_\_\_ and riches in Asia

2. Spain pays for the trip

- a. he kept asking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to fund a \_\_\_\_\_ West to China
- b. they were too busy trying to make all of Spain \_\_\_\_\_
- c. forced out the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- d. funded a voyage when he promised to spread Catholicism

3. heading out

- a. August 3, \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ sailors
- c. three ships - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ months in, he wrote in his journal:

B. Wednesday

1. \_\_\_\_\_ miles in one day
2. crew \_\_\_\_\_ and he cheered them on

C. Thursday

1. traveled west-southwest
2. Pinta spotted \_\_\_\_\_ and manmade wood \_\_\_\_\_
3. saw a \_\_\_\_\_ to the west at \_\_\_\_\_:00 at night
4. 2:00 \_\_\_\_\_ fired a cannon - had seen \_\_\_\_\_!

D. Friday

1. saw \_\_\_\_\_ people (\_\_\_\_\_) and went ashore
2. "\_\_\_\_\_" the land for the King and Queen
3. called the land \_\_\_\_\_
4. it was actually \_\_\_\_\_
5. people spoke well and only had \_\_\_\_\_ (stone)
6. planned to make them Catholics and take \_\_\_\_\_ back to Spain to learn the \_\_\_\_\_
7. traded with the "poor" people
  - a. natives had \_\_\_\_\_, parrots, \_\_\_\_\_, spears
  - b. traded for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

E. Saturday

1. tried to find \_\_\_\_\_ (they wore it in their noses)
2. island - large, flat, green, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, good weather
3. headed out to find \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Early Voyages of Exploration

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Challenges Columbus

1. Columbus thought he's reached the Indies
  - a. called the people \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. died thinking he'd reached \_\_\_\_\_
2. John \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. claimed he reached Asia, too
  - b. actually landed in \_\_\_\_\_
3. Amerigo \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. didn't believe they'd reached Asia at all
  - b. Portugal sent him \_\_\_\_\_ along the coast of present day South America
  - c. saw nothing like \_\_\_\_\_ had described
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ (Egyptian astronomer) agreed that Asia couldn't be that big
  - e. figured he had sailed \_\_\_\_\_ times farther west than Columbus thought
  - f. formed a **conclusion** - \_\_\_\_\_

1.) this was a new land, the "\_\_\_\_\_"

4. Waldseemuller makes first map with America in 15\_\_

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Reaches the Pacific (1513)

1. Isthmus of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. connects \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ America
  - b. Spanish and \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers with Native American guides guide him
2. Vasco Nunez \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. climbed the mountain and saw the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean (means "peaceful")
  - b. claimed it for \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. this proved that \_\_\_\_\_ was wrong (wasn't Asia)



##### C. \_\_\_\_\_ Crew Sails Around the World

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Magellan
  - a. set off in 15\_\_

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ sailors
- c. paid for by \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **expedition** - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. trying to reach \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. sailed to \_\_\_\_\_ America
  - c. went up many \_\_\_\_\_ and back down
  - d. lost a ship and many \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Magellan
  - a. reached the \_\_\_\_\_ and headed west
- 4. little food that was left \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ate \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits
  - b. drank yellow, \_\_\_\_\_ water
  - c. also ate \_\_\_\_\_, sawdust, and \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. many \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hunger
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - sickness caused by not getting enough vitamin \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ followed to eat the dead thrown overboard
- 6. reached the \_\_\_\_\_ Islands (1521)
  - a. stayed for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Magellan died in a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. only \_\_\_\_\_ sailors sailed around Africa to return to Spain
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ sailed around the world (but had to go around the \_\_\_\_\_ first!)

