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## Europeans Explore Overseas



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- Understand the major causes of European exploration.
- Analyze early Portuguese and Spanish explorations and expansion.
- Describe how the Portuguese established footholds on Africa's coasts.
- Describe European searches for a direct route to Asia.

# **\*\*Causes for Exploration**

**Trade with Asia was important & demand grew. The main sources of spices came from the [Moluccas](#)**

**Europeans wanted to lower trading costs & seek out a new route to Asia**

**Improvements in technology allowed more accurate maps & charts**





# Portugal Explores the Sea

**Prince Henry** of Portugal (known as Henry the Navigator) decided to explore the seas

Under his rule, Portugal mapped Africa & hoped to convert those there to Christianity & find sources of gold

He also wanted to find a sea route around Africa to avoid trade in the middle east

**Cartographers-** Mapmakers & other experts who prepared maps & ships for voyages





# Africa & India

**Eventually sailors found a trade route through the Cape of Good Hope**

**Eventually the Portuguese took control of the African coast line to control trade**

**Vasco da Gama** found a route around Africa to the coast of India

**Soon a major trading empire was established making Portugal a world power**



# Columbus

**Christopher Columbus-** Italian navigator who sought an easier route to Asia.

Believed the world was much smaller than previously thought, persuaded Portugal for some boats

Eventually he landed in the Caribbean, thought it was India, called people “Indians”

It was there that he sought gold to no avail, but showed the world there was new land



# Division

**Treaty of Tordesillas-** Spain & Portugal treaty to settle claims on the new world

**Line of Demarcation-** Divided non-European world into two zones

Spain had the west of the line (the Americas) & Portugal had the east (mostly Africa)

**Amerigo Vespucci** mapped out the region naming it the Americas.





# Route to the Pacific

Europeans still wanted a way to reach Asia around or through the Americas.

**Ferdinand Magellan-** Spaniard who discovered a pathway to the Pacific at the southern tip of South America

Magellan was killed in the Philippines, but his crew were the first people to **circumnavigate-** sail around- the globe





# Expansion in Africa

Soon other European nation fought for control of West Africa to increase trade

Dutch would build **Cape Town**, the first permanent European settlement in Africa

The Dutch Farmers were known as **Boers**, they began to fight with the tribes of Africa

Soon the British & French began exploration into Africa