

15th Century Exploration

1. What was China's motivation for exploration? Where did the Chinese fleet travel?
2. Why was Zheng He chosen to lead the Chinese expeditions?
3. Describe the technology that China developed for both ship building and navigation.
4. How were the Chinese received by the people in the lands they visited?
5. Why did China end its exploration program? What long term effects did the Chinese exploration have on the country?
6. What products did the Portuguese hope to get through its exploration?
7. Describe the process used by the Portuguese to map the route around Africa.
8. What radical theory about prevailing winds did Columbus have that caused him to look to the west for a route to the Indian Ocean?
9. What was the significance of da Gama's voyage around the Cape of Good Hope?
10. How did the exploration programs of Portugal and Spain change these countries' importance in Europe?