

SHORT ANSWER

Take 10 minutes to answer these questions.

1. Name one reason for the great Age of Exploration.
2. _____ and _____ were the first European countries to put any serious effort or finances into finding a new trade route to the East.
3. Who was Henry the Navigator?
4. What important political event occurred to give Columbus his chance to launch a voyage to find a western, Atlantic sea route to the Indies?
5. What was Bartolomeu Dias's contribution to European knowledge of the globe?
6. Name one technological advance or invention that aided Spanish and Portuguese efforts.
7. What is a caravel, and what was its significance to the Age of Exploration?
8. Which ship did Columbus captain on his first Atlantic voyage?
9. What is "dead reckoning"?
10. What is the name given to the island that Columbus discovered in 1492, and what does this name mean?

ESSAY QUESTION

Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. Put Columbus in context! Explain how the crusading era and the Renaissance eventually gave rise to Columbus's voyages, and summarize European reactions to those voyages.
2. Columbus was a complex individual. Describe the strengths and weaknesses of his character, noting his personal views on religion, his conduct during his expeditions, and his treatment of conquered peoples. Use specific examples, where you can.