

AP WORLD HISTORY 9 – Homework Questions

The European Age of Exploration: Europe in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Basins

I. European Exploration in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans (pages 586-590)

1. What were the two motives for Europeans venturing out to sea?
2. What was economically important about the Portuguese colonizing the various islands (Madeiras, Azores, Cape Verde, etc.) in the Atlantic and off the coast of Africa?
3. Why does the slave trade (between the Portuguese and Africa) begin at this time?
4. Why did Portugal decide to venture into the Indian Ocean?
5. What was the significance of the voyages of Dias and da Gama?

II. Motives for Exploration (pages 599-600)

1. What were the three most important motives for European exploration in the 15th century?
2. With the collapse of overseas trade routes from the East, beginning in the late 14th century, how were the desired Asian goods getting to Europe? Why was this a problem for Europeans?
3. What was the importance, and connection, to Africa at this time?

III. The Technology of Exploration (pages 600-604)

1. Identify the new inventions, technology, and knowledge that European mariners used to venture into the open waters of the Atlantic, Indian, and ultimately Pacific Oceans.

VI. Voyages of Exploration From the Mediterranean to the Atlantic (pages 604-606)

1. What cargo did Vasco da Gama return to Portugal with from India in 1498?

V. Trading Post Empires (pages 612-613)

1. Explain what was meant by a “trading post empire.”
2. How did the actions of Alfonso d’Albuquerque illustrate how the Portuguese set about establishing their trading post empires?
3. Identify 3-4 reasons why Portugal never achieved long lasting control (“hegemony”) of the Indian Ocean?
4. By the late 1600’s, the English and Dutch had pretty much supplanted the Portuguese as the major powers in the Indian Ocean. What two main advantages did these countries have over the Portuguese?
5. How did the English East India Company and the Dutch United East India Company operate? How were they set up? What were their main features?