
Age of Exploration Walkthrough

Directions: Look carefully at the maps, charts, pictures, and graphs in this chapter, and then answer the questions below in complete sentences.

“Timeline” (pg. 442-443)

1. How many years after Columbus arrived in America did Magellan lead his voyage around South America?
2. Look at the picture above, what image is on the sails?

“European Exploration, 1487-1580” (pg. 448-449)

3. Look at the highlighted word at the bottom of pg. 449. What does circumnavigate mean?
4. Who led the first successful voyage around the world? (HINT: You’ll need to use the map and the information in the key on page 449)

“Primary Source: Columbus Describes America” (pg. 455)

5. Who was Columbus writing this letter to?
6. Why did he write it?

“Mapping New Worlds” (pg. 452-453)

7. Why did the shape of North America on these three maps change over time?
8. What is wrong with California on the 1650 map?



Columbus

“The Columbian Exchange” (pg. 455)

9. List 3 items introduced to Europe from the Americas.
10. List 3 items introduced to the Americas from Europe.
11. Which European animal would be most useful in war?

“Quick Facts: Effects of Exploration” (pg. 458)

12. What 3 things spread because of exploration?
13. What were plantation economies based on?

“Timeline” (pg. 406-407 – That’s right turn back to 406)

14. What happened in 1519?
15. How many years after Cortez arrived did Pizarro conquer the Inca?

“Capture of Atahualpa” (pg. 426)

16. Why was Atahualpa kidnapped and who did it?

“Predictions”

17. Based on everything you have looked at on these pages, write down three predictions about what you think you are going to learn.