

GII-Exploration

The Age of Exploration

- The Dutch, Spain and Portugal started exploration
- Both located on a peninsula
- They wanted new trades routes to East Asia avoid Muslim traders in the Middle East
- New technology: the astrolabe, new ships and navigational tools made exploration possible

Famous Explorers

- Bartholomeu Diaz (Portugal) : sailed to the Cape of Good Hope (Southern tip of Africa)
- Vasco da Gama (Portugal): first European to sail around Africa to India
- Magellan (Portugal): circumnavigated the globe
- Christopher Columbus (Spain): discovered the Americas

Sample Questions

- European dependence on spices from Asia
- Invention of the compass and astrolabe
- Rise of nation-states in Europe

1. These developments influenced the start of the

- (1) Crusades (3) Reformation
(2) Renaissance (4) Age of Exploration

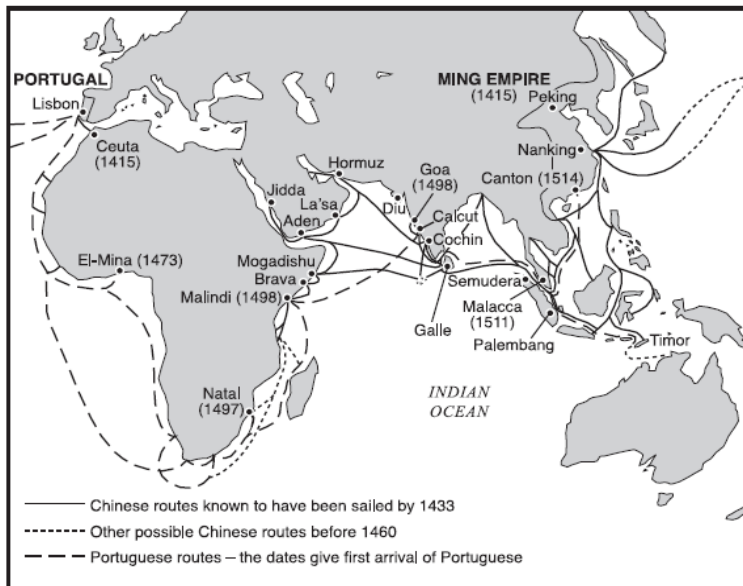
2. During the 1500s, technological advances in navigation, naval engineering, and mapmaking contributed directly to the start of the

- (1) Gupta Empire (3) Age of Exploration
(2) Mongol Empire (4) medieval guilds

3. The major reason that Portugal and Spain established water routes to Asia's spice markets was to

- (1) experiment with new technology such as the astrolabe and sextant
(2) provide jobs for navigators, cartographers, and shipbuilders
(3) avoid the overland routes that were controlled by Muslim traders
(4) discover new continents, plants, and animals

A Comparison of Chinese and Portuguese Expeditions Until 1514



Source: Yong Yap and A. Cotterell, *Chinese Civilization from the Ming Revival to Chairman Mao*, St. Martin's Press (adapted)

4. Which statement can be supported by the information on the map?

- (1) The Portuguese taught the Chinese their sailing knowledge.
(2) Portugal & China practiced isolationism throughout the 15th century.
(3) Only the Portuguese explored the east coast of Africa.
(4) The Portuguese and the Chinese were active explorers.

5. Which 2 explorers are associated with the travels on the map?

- (1) Ferdinand Magellan and Matthew Perry
(2) Christopher Columbus and Genghis Khan
(3) Vasco de Gama and Zheng He
(4) Francisco Pizarro and Marco Polo

