

Movie Notes-European Exploration

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- 1) At the start of the 15th century, European settlement was feudal and agricultural. What was the time period called when Europeans experienced a rebirth of geography, anatomy, astronomy and trade?
- 2) What obstacle stood between European nations and the far eastern trading centers like India and China?
- 3) To overcome these problems, what European leader from Portugal began to push for exploration of new routes to Asia?
- 4) What new type of ship which had better rudders and sails allowed the Portuguese to begin exploring down the coast of Africa?
- 5) Why did the sails of Spanish and Portuguese ships have crosses on them?
- 6) Who was the first man to openly attempt to sail across the Atlantic in 1492, despite making a large mathematical error?
- 7) What great victory helped bring Spain together as a nation right before the discovery of the New World?
- 8) Where did Columbus first land on his first journey?
- 9) What happened to the first colony Columbus left behind?
- 10) Who was the first explorer to realize the New World was not Asia, but rather part of a previously unknown continent?
- 11) Eventually, a Spanish explorer will attempt to sail around the world. What happened to Magellan and his crew?
- 12) What were some of the impacts of Spanish contact with the new world?