

Focus Question: Why did Europeans begin to embark on voyages of discovery and expansion at the end of the fifteenth century?

Prester John

Travels of John Mandeville

Marco Polo

God, glory, and gold

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Ptolemy's Geography

On the Brink of a New World

The Motives for Expansion: Fantastic Lands

Economic Motives

Religious Zeal

The Means for Expansion

Maps

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square rigs

compass

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So what? What is the significance of this section?

Focus question: How did Portugal and Spain acquire their overseas empires, and how did their empires differ?

Prince Henry the Navigator

The Gold Coast

Bartholomeu Dias

Vasco da Gama and Calicut

Alfonso de Albuquerque

Ships and Sailing

New Horizons: The Portuguese and Spanish Empires

The Development of a Portuguese Maritime Empire: Portuguese in India

<p>Malacca</p> <p>Spice Islands</p> <hr/> <p><i>Primary Source: The Portuguese Conquest of Malacca, Afonso de Albuquerque pg. 416</i></p> <hr/>	<p>In Search of Spies</p> <hr/> <p><i>What justifications does Albuquerque give for the attack on Malacca?</i></p> <p><i>Which might have been the most important in the sixteenth century?</i></p> <p><i>Would the Muslims have responded with the same justifications?</i></p> <p><i>What if anything has changed in the twenty first century?</i></p> <hr/>
	<p>Voyages to the New World: Christopher Columbus</p>

Primary Source:
Columbus Lands in the
New World, by
Christopher Columbus
pg. 418

What evidence in Columbus's comments suggests that his remarks were made mainly for public consumption and not just for the Spanish court?

What elements in society might have responded to his statements, and why?

John Cabot

Vasco Nunez de Balboa

Ferdinand Magellan

Treaty of Tordesillas

New Voyages

conquistadors

The Spanish Empire in the New World
Early Civilizations in Mesoamerica

<p>Encomienda</p> <p>Viceroy</p> <p>audiencias</p>	<p>Administration of the Spanish Empire</p>
<hr/> <p>Primary Source: Las Casas and the Spanish Treatment of the American Natives, by Bartolome de Las Casas pg. 422</p>	<hr/> <p><i>In what ways did this account help create the image of the Spaniards as “cruel and murderous fanatics”?</i></p> <p><i>What motives may have prompted Las Casas to make this critique, and how might his opinions have affected the broader standing of Spain in the global politics of the age?</i></p>
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