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## Discoverers and Explorers

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### ***A. Write a brief answer to the following questions:***

1. Give two important reasons why people like Columbus and Magellan were prepared to go on incredible journeys of exploration?

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a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did people explore by ships?

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3. Why did people want spices?

\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Name the country that began the Great Age of Exploration? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name the prince who set up a school to teach navigation. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is navigation? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who first sailed round the southern tip of Africa? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who usually paid for these expeditions? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which European first reached India by sea? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which ships did the Portuguese use? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***B. Say who these people or things were:***

1. a) I established the first school for navigators in Europe.

b) I was a royal prince of Portugal.

c) I helped to develop a better kind of ship for long sea voyages.

Who was I? \_\_\_\_\_

2. a) I was a Portuguese nobleman.
- b) My own king turned me down when I asked him to sponsor a voyage of discovery.
- c) I was sure that I would be able to find a way through the American continent to Asia.
- d) King Charles of Spain listened to my plan.
- e) Although I did not make it home myself, 17 of my original crew of 265 did. They had been at sea for 3 years, and had sailed all the way around the world.

Who was I? \_\_\_\_\_

3. a) I was a kind of hard, flat baked bread.
- b) I kept very well, so I was an essential food to take on long voyages.
- c) Weevils enjoyed eating me more than men did.

What was I? \_\_\_\_\_

4. a) I was a disease that sailors often suffered from.
- b) I was caused through a lack of vitamin C

What was I? \_\_\_\_\_

5. a) I was a light, fast trading ship.
- b) I could sail up wind.
- c) Some of my sails were triangular in shape.

What was I? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Multiple Choice: Tick the best answer or answers.**

**1. Early navigational instruments included the following:**

- a) the compass      b) the astrolabe      c) the hourglass      d) the quadrant

**2. Name the first Portuguese navigator to sail around the Cape of Good Hope**

- a) Henry the Navigator      b) Bartholomeu Dias      c) Christopher Columbus

**3. In which year did Christopher Columbus set off, west, in an attempt to reach the Indies?**

- a) 34 BC      b) 1864      c) 1492

**4. Name one of Columbus's ships.**

- a) the *Victoria*      b) the *Santa Maria*      c) the *Bounty*

**5. Name the pass that Magellan discovered near the tip of South America.**

- a) the *Pacific Ocean* (*Mar Pacifico*)      b) *El paso* (later named the *Strait of Magellan*)

**D. Show the route that had been explored by one of Prince Henry's navigators by 1446.**

*The map below shows the route taken by Bartholomew Diaz in 1487 – 8.*

1. Name the country that sponsored this voyage. \_\_\_\_\_

2. ✓ *Tick the things that were achieved on this voyage.*

- He sailed the full length of Africa.
- He travelled around the most southern tip of Africa.
- He discovered a sea route to India.
- He discovered a cure for scurvy.
- He discovered the Cape of Good Hope by accident.

**The map below tracks the route of the *Victoria* 1519 - 1522**

1. Name the commander of this voyage of exploration. \_\_\_\_\_

2. ✓ *Tick the things that were achieved on this voyage.*

- They were the first Europeans to sailed right around the world.
- The discovered a channel that took them from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.
- They discovered a cure for scurvy.
- They proved that the oceans were joined together.
- They now had a fast westward sea route to the Spice Islands. Trade could begin!