World History European Explorers Test Review

Which famous leader did Marco Polo serve in Asia for 17 years?

a. Ding Xiaoping b. Pol Pot c. Ho Chi Minh d. Kublai Khan

Chinese explorer Zheng He is credited with having sailed over 40,000 miles total over 6 voyages. What is the farthest ***confirmed*** destination that he reached?

a. India b. Great Britain c. Central Africa d. Mexico

What was the Silk Road?

a. ancient over-land route taken by traders to travel between Europe and China

b. trail taken Cortez and his men to reach Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital

c. path taken by da Gama to get to Asia by boat

d. Remember how Dorothy chose the Yellow Brick Road? This was the other road that she didn’t choose.

Which of the following are examples of technology that Marco Polo brought to Europe from China?

a. how to build canoes and parchment c. brick making and cross bows

b. gun powder and the compass d. waterproof hats and bug spray

Why did the Chinese emperor want to destroy all records and artifacts from Zheng He’s voyages?

a. he thought they were possessed by the devil c. he was jealous of his rivals

b. Zheng He had broken his daughter’s heart d. to stop the influence of outsiders (xenophobia)

The number one killer of Indians in Spanish territory was not European people or weapons, it was

European

a. dogs used as guard animals c. insects such as lice

b. clothing that caused heat strokes d. diseases such as smallpox

Columbus discovered America in the year

a. 1492 c. 1495

b. 1776 d. 1000 A.D.

What island chain did Columbus land on in 1492?

a. Caribbean c. Cuba

b. Indies d. Philippines

The Treaty of Tordesillas kept what two countries from fighting over who owned the Atlantic Ocean?

a. U.S.A. and Russia c. England and Spain

b. Spain and Portugal d. Catholics and Protestants

Which occurred first: Columbus finding America or Da Gama finding India?

a. Columbus found America

b. da Gama found India

c. They happened on the same year

In 1519, a Spaniard from the island of Cuba landed in Mexico. He burned his ships so his men could not

leave and would be forced to conquer the local natives. He ended up conquering the Aztec empire.

a. John Winthrop c. Hernan Cortes

b. Lord Baltimore d. Francisco Pizzaro

When the Aztecs first encountered Cortez and his men, they thought he was the fabled god \_\_\_

a. Quetzalcoatl c. Thor

b. Montezuma d. John the Baptist

Which Portuguese explorer was the first to round the tip of Africa and find the Indian Ocean?

a. Bartholomew Dias c. Christopher Columbus

b. Ferdinand Magellan d. Giovanni de Verrazano

What was Ponce de Leon looking for when he explored what’s now called Florida?

a. a new source of forced labor c. tall trees for building ship masts with

b. deposits of sulfur for gunpowder d. the legendary fountain of youth

What does ***circumnavigation*** mean?

a. a geometry term for the sum of πr2  c. to sail around the world

b. to travel the Silk Road from end to end d. to discover a new land

Who was the first person to circumnavigate the earth?

a. Juan Ponce de Leon c. Bartholomew Dias

b. Ferdinand Magellan d. Vasco da Gama

What does the term ***Columbian Exchange*** refer to?

a. trade with the nation of Columbia

b. exchange rate for currency between nations named for the District of Columbia

c. exchange of plants, animals, and diseases between continents named after Columbus

d. when Asia exchanged Java grown coffee for Columbian grown coffee thus changing coffee drinkers

forever

What does a compass do?

a. shows the time of day by the location of the sun c. locates the nearest body of water

b. tells longitude and latitude d. points to magnetic north and gives directions

What is a ***caravel***?

a. large ship used for ocean travel c. ride at the fair

b. device used to locate the North Star d. a fancy name for hour glass

What purpose did the ***astrolabe*** serve?

a. it helped tell time while at sea c. when you turn it on it projects constellations onto the ceiling

b. it calculates latitude using the stars d. it was a solar oven for cooking aboard ships

What was Giovanni de Verrazano looking for when he explored the coast of North America?

a. The Northwest Passage, a way to sail over the Americas to Asia avoiding Spanish territory

b. the Fountain of Youth

c. the legendary city of gold called El Dorado

d. his childhood friend Ballooney, which was later rescued by explorers Phineas, Ferb, and Meep.

With global exploration and trade, a new type of economy was created where private individuals would invest their own money and get to keep the profits. This is called

a. Capitalism c. Side Hustle

b. Communism

d. Socialism