The Great Age of Exploration Video Guide

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the video.

1. During the 1400’s most people thought that the world around them was what?

2. How did people live during Medieval Times? What took place in order to change the way people lived?

3. What does the term “Renaissance” mean? How did people act differently?

4. What factors brought on the great “Age of Exploration” simultaneous with the Renaissance?

5. How did Asian goods traditionally make its way into Europe through Mediterranean ports?

6. Who led the charge in discovering new sea routes to Asia following the Italians?

7. How did Prince Henry the Navigator’s school help to teach navigational techniques to keep explorers safe on the open seas?

8. Who were the “Knights of Christ”? Why was the cross included on their ships?
9. What inhumane “business” did the Portuguese begin that would last for several hundred years even after the Age of Sail?

10. What did Columbus share with Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand that convinced them to allow him a fleet to explore a new route to Asia?

11. What were some of the fears experienced by Columbus and his crew while out to sea?

13. When Columbus returned to Spain in 1493 what did the King and Queen do to reward his work?

14. Who was Amerigo Vespucci? What was he most famous for?

15. How did South America receive its name “America”?

16. Who was John Cabot? What was he and his son most famous for?

17. Who was Ferdinand Magellan? What did he believe he could accomplish for Spain?

18. What does the word “Pacific” mean? How did this ocean receive its name?

19. Who was Hernando Cortez? What was he most famous for?

20. By the mid-16th century, most of the world had been colonized. What does this term mean? Who were the countries that controlled most of the areas in the New World? Why was this so?