

Guided Reading



Exploring the Americas

Lesson 2 *Early Exploration*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why do people trade?

The Search for New Trade Routes

Reading for Accuracy Write **T** next to the statements that are true. Write **F** next to statements that are not true. Rewrite the underlined portion of statements that are not true.

_____ 1. When Columbus's three ships made landfall in October 1492, he found himself in the East Indies.

_____ 2. Early explorers' maps showed three continents—Europe, Asia, and Africa—merged into one huge landmass and bordered by oceans.

_____ 3. Portugal was the first European power to explore the known world by sea.

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Explaining Reread the question below. Rewrite it as a statement. Then fill in the table with two details that support the statement.

Why did Portugal want to find a sea route to Asia?

4. Statement: _____

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Use your textbook to help you fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

7. In 1420 _____ set up a center for the study of exploration.
8. It was located at Sagres, on the southwestern tip of _____.
9. He is known as _____.
10. At his school, astronomers, geographers, and mathematicians came to share their knowledge with _____.
11. Portuguese vessels sailed south along the coast of _____.
12. In 1487 Bartolomeu Dias sailed as far as _____.
13. Vasco da Gama is the one who finally _____.
14. In 1498 da Gama reached _____.

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Determining Cause and Effect What were four effects of the voyages of Pedro Álvares Cabral?

Pedro Álvares Cabral set sail from Lisbon.

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Columbus Crosses the Atlantic

Sequencing Use your textbook to complete this time line with information about early explorers.

