

# Guided Reading Activity



## The Age of Exploration

### Lesson 1 *European Exploration and Expansion*

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

##### I. Motives and Means

A. Who was Marco Polo, and why was he important?

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B. What did Europeans hope to accomplish on their voyages?

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C. How were the explorers able to travel such great distances?

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##### II. A Race for Riches

A. Who were two important explorers for Portugal, and what did they accomplish?

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B. Who were two important explorers for Spain, and what did they accomplish?

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##### III. The Spanish Empire

A. What factors helped Cortés defeat the Aztec?

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B. Who was Francisco Pizarro, and what did he do?

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### IV. European Rivals

A. Why did the Dutch form the West India Company?

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B. Where in North America did the French and the English settle?

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### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did European exploration affect European nations politically and economically?

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