

Age of Exploration

Match the dates from the box below!

1487 - 1492 - 1497 - 1498 - 1506 - 1512 - 1513 - 1519 - 1533 - 1620

- _____ Magellan starts his journey around the world.
- _____ Cortes conquers the Aztec empire.
- _____ Bartholomeu Dias sails around the southern part of Africa.
- _____ Pizarro defeats the Incas.
- _____ John Cabot sails along the east coast of Canada.
- _____ Mayflower lands with pilgrims in America
- _____ Columbus discovers America.
- _____ Vasco de Balboa lands in Panama and discovers the Pacific Ocean.
- _____ Columbus dies.
- _____ Vasco da Gama reaches India.

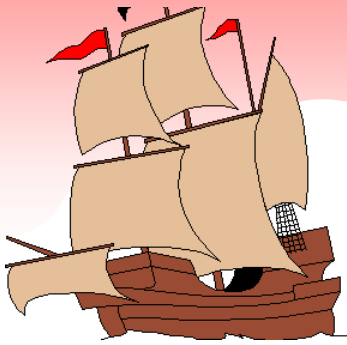
Complete the text with words from the box !

The _____ of the 15th century were very _____ in buying and selling _____ goods. They _____ gold, _____ and silk – products that they got from _____. People of those days also needed _____ to make food taste better.

For _____, European merchants brought these goods on a _____ from Asia. But by the 15th century, the _____ became so _____ that they controlled the most important routes and wanted more _____ from the Europeans traders.

So some countries, like _____ and _____, wanted to find another route to Asia. They thought that they could _____ India and the _____ by sea.

Asia
centuries
interested
jewels
land route
merchants
money
Portugal
powerful
reach
Spain
Spice Islands
spices
traded
Turks
valuable



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Match the two halves of the sentences !

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| A | European merchants of the 15th century | _____ | but he didn't give him any ships. |
| B | The Portuguese set up trading posts | _____ | brought corn and potatoes back to Europe. |
| C | Christopher Columbus went to the king of Portugal with his plans | _____ | because he thought he had reached Asia. |
| D | Queen Isabella was a person | _____ | and claimed the land for the king of France. |
| E | On his last voyages Columbus | _____ | bought and sold goods from Asia |
| F | He called the natives Indians | _____ | named the New World after Amerigo Vespucci. |
| G | Spanish explorers | _____ | explored the mainland of South America |
| H | The conquistadors were Spanish explorers | _____ | have French names |
| I | Jacques Cartier sailed down the St. Lawrence River | _____ | he got into bad weather and lost two ships. |
| J | Most towns along the Mississippi River | _____ | on the west coast of Africa |
| K | A German mapmaker | _____ | who admired young and brave men. |
| L | When Magellan reached the southern tip of America | _____ | who defeated Indian empires in America |

Unscramble the words and find the names of famous explorers .

- BCLOUMSU _____
- NLLGAMEA _____
- CPUICVSE _____
- ROSCTE _____
- CRRETIA _____
- MAADAG _____