

# 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.

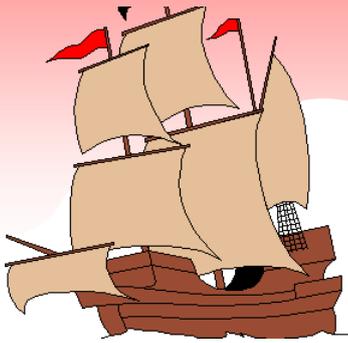
Complete the text with words from the box !

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 \_\_\_\_\_