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.
Age of Exploration

Match the two halves of the sentences!

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  _______________________