**AGE OF EXPLORATION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK STUDY GUIDE**

1. The Age of Exploration occurred from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the first European country to set sail during the Age of Exploration.
3. The reason many European countries began exploring the seas is because the Muslims had a monopoly over trade routes from Europe to Asia and blocked Europeans from trading with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are three other reasons that European explorers set sail for new lands.
5. In order for the Europeans to travel by sea to Asia, they had to find a water route around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means to sail completely around the world.
7. The first European explorer (crew) to circumnavigate the globe was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was an Italian explorer who sailed for Spain and thought it was best to sail west (instead of east) to travel from Europe to Asia. He is credited with “finding” a “New World”.
2. This Portuguese prince started a school for navigators:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many new technologies in navigation during the later 1400s helped explorers sail around the world. One of these technologies was an improved-form of ship called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It helped explorers sail against the wind and had triangular-shaped sails.
4. Another new navigational technology called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_helped sailors find latitude by studying the position of stars and planets.
5. This conquistador is credited with destroying the Inca empire of South America:

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1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the conquistador credited with destroying the Aztec empire of Central America.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the transfer of plants, animals, and diseases (which had a great impact on) the eastern and western hemispheres.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the journey across the Atlantic Ocean from the West Coast of Africa to the Caribbean or the Americas; it was the longest part of the journey of the slave ships.
4. The devastation of American Indian populations by diseases brought over from Europe is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Native American populations decreased by almost 90%.
5. Planters in the Americas used African slaves for labor because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first brought Africans to Brazil as slaves. The greatest number of African slaves were taken to Brazil.
2. Most slave forts were located on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coast of Africa.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a person sent on a mission to do religious or charitable work in a territory or foreign country. During the Age of Exploration, many of these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wanted to spread the message of Christianity to the New World.
4. The continents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Africa are considered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The continents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and South \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are considered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. People in Brazil speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because the land was colonized by explorers from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. People in Mexico, Central America, and parts of South America speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because the land was colonized by explorers from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.