

European History Explorers

European History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which famous explorer, sailing for Spain, is credited with being the first European to reach the Americas in 1492?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Marco Polo
- C) Christopher Columbus**
- D) Vasco da Gama

2. What was the name of the long sea voyage undertaken by enslaved Africans from Africa to the Americas?

- A) The Silk Road
- B) The Columbian Exchange
- C) The Middle Passage**
- D) The Age of Discovery

3. Which Italian explorer, sailing for Portugal, was the first European to reach India by sea, sailing around the tip of Africa?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Christopher Columbus
- C) Amerigo Vespucci
- D) Vasco da Gama**

4. The Renaissance was a period of great change in Europe. Which Italian city is often considered the birthplace of the Renaissance?

- A) Rome
- B) Florence**
- C) Venice
- D) Milan

5. What significant invention, developed by Johannes Gutenberg in the 15th century, helped spread knowledge and ideas rapidly across Europe?

- A) The Telescope
- B) The Printing Press**
- C) The Compass
- D) The Steam Engine

6. During the Age of Exploration, European countries sought new trade routes. What valuable spice was highly sought after and traded from the East Indies?

- A) Salt
- B) Pepper**
- C) Sugar
- D) Flour

7. What was the name of the famous Spanish explorer who led an expedition that was the first to circumnavigate the Earth?

- A) Hernán Cortés
- B) Francisco Pizarro
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) Juan Ponce de León

8. The Reformation was a major religious movement in the 16th century. Who is widely considered to be the key figure who challenged the authority of the Catholic Church?

- A) John Calvin
- B) Huldrych Zwingli
- C) Martin Luther**
- D) Henry VIII