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Age of Exploration - Lyrics

"Hit the Seas"

SPANISH EXPLORER:

Check it, it's the 15th Century,
And we are the Spanish.

PORTUGUESE EXPLORER:

And we are the Portuguese,
Ships cost money, you know what's priceless?
If we sailed to Asia and traded with them for their spices,

SPANISH:

And their silver. And their gold.

PORTUGUESE:

Now we could go by land, but that's dangerous and slow.
We're better off building ships that float.

SPANISH:

That's the best kind of ship!

PORTUGUESE:

Yea, I know!
So Prince Henry is exploring Africa,
Up and down the west coast, it's so spectacular.
He leads us Portuguese, and we hit the seas like seaweed,
And seek what we need.
We reach the Indian Ocean by 1488.

SPANISH:

And we the Spanish wanted a piece of the cake.
So Isabella funded Christopher Columbus,
To sail around the globe, a journey that was wondrous.
1492 he sailed the ocean blue,
He didn't find India, "But hey, what am I supposed to do?"
In America, it started all this drama.

PORTUGUESE:

A few years later, Vasco da Gama,
Sailed 'round Africa, reached India,
Finally, opened the trade routes that we really loved.
And we didn't want to share that with Spain.

SPANISH:

We don't want to share with you either; you guys are lame.
A treaty was signed as they're mapping the planet.
Portuguese claimed the east and left the west to the Spanish,
Then Magellan circumnavigated the globe,
And other countries found new places to go.
The French, the English and later the Dutch
Explored to find land few people had touched.
Hoist the sails! Let's do it for our nation,
This is the Age of Exploration!

We make waves, get out the way,
No fear, we go, y'all just stay,
Haters gonna hate, and say the world's flat,
We hit the seas, and don't look back. (x2)

SPANISH SAILOR:

Life on a ship? It's no cruise cousin,

Get up at the crack, no snooze button.

Rise with the sun, get up early!

PORTUGUESE SAILOR:

I think I'm losing my teeth!

SPANISH:

You probably got scurvy.

PORTUGUESE:

If you're caught slacking off,

You'll get whipped or flogged by the captain for acting soft.

Yeah, the open ocean's like a highway,

If you're only going 6 knots, get your ship out of my way!

Celestial navigation is a must,

You see we pay attention to stars like US Weekly.

After Columbus, trading gets insane,

An Old World / New World Columbian Exchange:

Europe gets tobacco, tomatoes,

Chocolate, potatoes.

America gets horses running through the area,

Plus smallpox, oh yeah, and malaria.

We make waves, get out the way,

No fear, we go, y'all just stay,

Haters gonna hate, and say the world's flat,

We hit the seas, and don't look back. (x3)

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Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Marco Polo influenced the Age of Exploration by

- A. returning with valuable silks, teas and spices from Asia
- B. teaching explorers how to build effective ships
- C. developing a social class system for explorers on ships
- D. successfully circumnavigating the globe

2. Why did the explorers travel by sea, rather than land, to reach Asia?

- A. Living on a boat was an easier way of life than traveling by land.
- B. The Ottoman Turks taught the Spanish and Portuguese how to build boats.
- C. The Ottoman Turks prevented people from passing through their land.
- D. The great European horse plague made it difficult to travel by land.

3. What did Vasco de Gama do before any other European explorer?

- A. He successfully reached Latin America by ship.
- B. He successfully reached India by ship.
- C. He successfully reached Africa by ship.
- D. He successfully reached Portugal by ship.

4. Why did Christopher Columbus think he had landed in India?

- A. He underestimated the distance around the world.
- B. People in the Caribbean spoke Hindi.
- C. He thought the world was flat.
- D. The spices he found were identical to those in India.

5. What two countries dominated trade during the Age of Exploration?

- A. Spain and Italy
- B. Portugal and England
- C. France and England
- D. Spain and Portugal

6. Which of the following goods shared in the Columbian exchange came from the Americas?

- A. cows
- B. cats
- C. coffee
- D. chocolate

7. What was a negative effect of the Columbian exchange?

- A. People tasted no new foods.
- B. Farmers in the Americas ran out of crops to grow.
- C. Diseases such as measles and smallpox were spread.
- D. Europe suffered from a shortage of horses for battle.

8. Which of the following was NOT an effect of the line of demarcation between Spain and Portugal?

- A. Spain and Portugal became the most influential countries during the Age of Exploration.
- B. People in Brazil speak Portuguese.
- C. Prince Henry the Navigator explored the African coast.
- D. Spain and Portugal claimed ownership of land they hadn't discovered yet.

9. *Circumnavigation* means to

- A. discover new land
- B. travel completely around something, such as the globe
- C. settle in a new continent
- D. trade goods with another people

10. Which statement about life at sea during the Age of Exploration is true?

- A. Pages were the highest ranking people on the ships.
- B. The captain was the highest ranking person on the ship.
- C. The social ranks on ships were completely different than on land.
- D. Medicine of the time prevented people from getting sick.