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| **Unit II – Rebirth and Exploration** |
| **(2-3) Age of Exploration – pg. 87 – 94** |
| **Guided Reading Questions** |

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*Answer the question or define the term for each:*

**Voyages of Discovery and the New Empires in the West and East**

**The Portuguese Chart the Course**

1. What items were sought after and traded by the Portuguese?

**People to Know**

* Prince Henry the Navigator (1394-1460)
* Bartholomew Dias (~1450-1500)
* Vasco da Gama (1469-1525)
* Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)
* Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512)
* Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521)
* Hernán Cortés (1485-1547)
* Francisco Pizarro (1478-1541)

1. Why were the Portuguese eager to find a sea route to Asia?
2. How can the voyage of Vasco da Gama be seen as an example of why so many explorers were willing to suffer the risks of exploration?

**The Spanish Voyages of Columbus**

1. What items did Columbus have for information about his destination?
2. What is the importance of both Vespucci and Magellan’s voyages?\*
3. What were the consequences of Spain’s discovery of America?

**Terms to Know**

* *conquistadores*
* *peninsulares*
* *creoles*
* encomienda

**The Spanish Empire in the New World**

1. Why might the natives have welcomed Cortés and his men?
2. How were the Spanish able to conquer the tribes of Mexico and Peru so quickly?

**The Church in Spanish America**

1. What conflict arose between the conquers and the clergy?

**Economy and Exploration**

1. What were the three major components of the colonial economy? What three things were needed for these components to be utilized?
2. What mineral provided the chief source of wealth for the Spanish?

**Key Events**

**1492 –** Spanish expel Muslim Moors

**1492** – Columbus reaches America

**1498 –** Vasco a Gama reaches India

**1521 –** Cortes conquers the Aztec

**1533 –** Pizarro conquers the Inca

1. Why were Europeans forced to use slavery to achieve work in America?

**The Impact on Europe**

1. How did the discovery of America impact the following?:

inflation –

government participation –

capitalist institutions and practices –

**Please read the “IN PERSPECTIVE” section for an overview of the chapter.**