Chapter 4: Exploration and Encounter

People
Prince Henry the Navigator
Vasco da Gama
Christopher Columbus
Hernán Cortés
Francisco Pizarro
Juan Ginés de Sepúlveda
Bartolomé de Las Casas
John Cabot
Jacques Cartier
Ferdinand Magellan

Terms
Prester John
caravel
Enterprise of the Indies
New World
papal bull
Black Legend
encomienda
Northwest Passage

Knowledge/Understanding Questions

1. What is the legacy of the Italian explorer Vespucci, and what did he think of the people he met?

2. Explain how Portugal became the center of trade between Europe and Asia to the east.

3. Explain why Caribbean islands have been called the “West Indies,” and American aboriginal peoples known as “Indians.”

4. How did it happen that territory was divided between Spain and Portugal?

5. What are the two sides in the debate among historians about Columbus?

6. How were the Aztec and Incan empires conquered?

7. Explain why Black slaves were brought to the Americas.

8. Where did the Cabots do their exploring, and why?

9. Describe the first voyage of circumnavigation and its leader.

10. Explain the difference of opinion between Las Casas and Sepulveda.

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