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**Europeans Explore the East, p.95-101**  
  
**1. What are the major topics discussed in this section?**  
European desire for new sources of wealth (main reason for European exploration)   
Desired to trade for spices, some Europeans wanted to cut out the Italians and Muslims   
Spread of Christianity to non-Christians (while trying to get rich)  
Portuguese Led the Way – explored Africa for spices and gold – sailed around Africa to India  
Spain wants in the action – Columbus heads west across Atlantic to find Asia, he finds Americas instead  
Trading established in the Indian Ocean­ – European nations fight for trade dominance (Spain, Portugal, England, the Netherlands, and France) it seems like Portugal lost out even though it was first  
  
**2. What regions (or countries) are discussed or used as examples in this section? How are they connected to the topics?**  
Europe – Portugal, Spain, English, and Dutch all competed to establish trade in Asia  
Southwest Asia – region controlled by Muslims, which had been at war with European Christians in the 1100s. Importantly, it controlled trade from Asia to Europe before the Portuguese found alternate trade routes  
Italy (separate from Europe) – controlled trade from Asia and Africa to Europe, made tons of money and other Europeans wanted to cut them out of the loop  
Asia – land with valuable trade goods which the Europeans wanted to get to  
Netherlands (Dutch) – European country formerly ruled by Spain that became a dominant force in trade between Asia and Europe  
English – Contested Portugal, Spain, and the Netherlands for trade supremacy in Asia. Eventually gained control of trading fabric from India to Europe  
  
**3. What visuals, charts, graphs, or tables are used in this section? How do they help you understand the reading?**  
The side bar on p. 98 helped me understand how difficult the voyages were for the sailors  
The map on p. 100 put all of the locations discussed in the reading into perspective for me.  
  
**4. What are 5 important terms or concepts that you should be able to define after completing this reading? Define them.**  
1. Caravel – new ship that allowed Europeans to sail against the wind (triangular sails from Arabs)   
2. Treaty of Tordesillas – imaginary line created by the Pope that gave Spain land to the west of the line and Portugal land east of the line   
3. Dutch East India Company – a company that controlled trade in the Asian region which seemed to have as much power as a country!   
4. Bartolemeu Dias – first European around tip of Africa   
5. Vasco de Gama – first European to sail to India   
  
**5. What are 5-10 important events from this section that should be placed on a timeline?**  
(your homework could include the following)  
1100s - Crusades = Europeans vs Muslims in Southwest Asia  
1275 – Marco Polo in China  
1400s – Europeans wanted to get rich, spread Christianity, and had new sailing technology  this spurred the age of European explorations  
1419- Prince Henry’s Navigation School  
1497-1499 Vasco de Gama’s voyage around Africa to India  
1510 – Portuguese captured Goa, India  
1511 – Portuguese control the straight of Malacca THIS CUTS ITALIANS AND MUSLIMS OUT OF THE TRADE ROUTES   
early 1600s – Dutch and English begin to battle for control of Asian trade  
early 1700s – Dutch controlled Indonesia, Malacca, Spice Islands & Cape of Good Hope