**REVISION QUESTIONS – THE AGE OF EXPLORATION**

**CHAPTER 1 – WHY DID THE AGE OF EXPLORATION BEGIN?**

1. What were spices used for and why was there such a demand for them?
2. Give two examples of spices and what their uses.
3. Why were rulers prepared to support the explorations?
4. What was the name given to the new type of ship built around 1400.
5. List 3 features of this boat and how they helped to improve it.
6. There were many Improvements in navigation which helped find the position, direction and speed of the boat. Name two instruments that made it easier for sailors to know their position and describe how they worked.
7. How did the improvements made to compasses help with navigation?
8. How did sailors measure their speed?
9. How did the Renaissance affect the explorations?
10. Describe 2 myths/legends that influenced both the rulers and explorers.
11. Considering questions 1-10 above, list the 6 reasons why the age of exploration began.
12. What was scurvy?
13. What was dysentery?
14. What was hardtack?
15. What was life like on board a ship?
16. What dangers did the crews face?

**CHAPTER 2 – EXPLORERS FROM PORTUGAL**

1. Name the three most important explorers from Portugal.
2. What route did they attempt to take to get to the Spice Islands.
3. Who was Prester John?
4. What are portolan charts?
5. Give two reasons why Henry the Navigator sponsored voyages of discovery.
6. Prince Henry set up a special school at Sagres – what type of school was it?
7. Describe 3 other achievements made by Prince Henry the Navigator?
8. How far did Bartholomew Diaz travel down the coast of Africa?
9. What happened when he reached the tip of Africa?
10. What name did he give to this tip?
11. What was it renamed, and why?
12. What was Vasco da Gama’s great achievement?
13. Describe his journey?
14. He did not always stay close to the coastline, why was this?
15. For how long did he lose sight of land?
16. What did he do when he arrived in the rich city of Calicut.
17. What happened to many of his crew on the return journey?
18. Why were the Portuguese so delighted with him?
19. What was the name of the Portuguese explorer who was blown off course on his way down the coast of Africa, and who subsequently discovered Brazil by accident.
20. What was the impact of the Portuguese explorations – make 3-4 points?

**CHAPTER 3 – EXPLORERS FROM SPAIN**

Study the account of Christopher Columbus’ voyage of exploration – People in History Essay

1. Where was Columbus from?
2. What experience did he have of sailing?
3. What did he believe about the earth and what direction did he want to take to get to the Spice Islands?
4. What rulers did he approach looking for support for his explorations?
5. Why did the first person decline to give help?
6. Why did the second set of people agree to help?
7. Name the port from which Columbus’ voyage began.
8. Name the three ships that took part in the voyage.
9. Where did they stop first and why?
10. When they eventually sighted land and came ashore, what did they call the island?
11. Who did they claim it for?
12. Where did Columbus believe he had landed?
13. What did he call the natives there?
14. What other islands did he discover on his first journey.
15. What did he bring home to Spain?
16. What was the reaction of the Spanish rulers?
17. What title did they give Columbus?
18. How many more voyages did Columbus make?
19. How did Columbus treat the natives on his last trip and what were the consequences?
20. Despite the successful voyages, Columbus never did find the Spice Islands. However, what was his great achievement, and how is he remembered?
21. What was the Treaty of Tordesillas?
22. What was Ferdinand Magellan’s great achievement?
23. How many ships set sail on the voyage?
24. How many and which ship returned?
25. What was the name given to the passage through the straits at the tip of South America?
26. What was the name of the ocean he discovered on the other side of the straits?
27. Why did he call it this?
28. Where was Magellan finally killed?
29. What is the term used to describe sailing around the world.

**CHAPTER 4 – THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AGE OF EXPLORATION**

1. List the 6 major consequences of the voyages of exploration – (hint – use SILLY CRAZY ELEPHANTS GULP NASTY VITAMINS)
2. Name two empires that were created in the newly discovered lands of the New World.
3. What were conquistadores?
4. Name two famous Spanish conquistadores.
5. Which conquistador conquered the Aztec empire?
6. Which conquistador conquered the Inca empire?
7. What was the name of the capital city of the Aztec Empire?
8. Why were the Spanish amazed when they saw it?
9. What was the name of the Aztec ruler?
10. Was he welcoming and why?
11. Why did the Aztecs rise up against the Spanish troops?
12. How did the Spanish succeed in defeating the Aztecs?
13. What three advantages did they have?
14. Pizarro had heard about the rich Inca Empire. What helped him conquer it?
15. What was the name of the Inca Emperor?
16. What was the ratio of Spanish to Ina deaths in subsequent attack by the Spanish??
17. How did Atahualpa bargain for his release?
18. Did Pizarro spare him?
19. What was the name of the Inca capital.
20. What new city did Pizarro found in its place?
21. List one result of the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire.
22. What other European powers built up large empires?
23. Name three goods/animals that were brought to the New World.
24. Name three goods/animals that were brought to Europe.
25. List 4 ways in which the European view of the world changed after the voyages of discovery.
26. List 4 impacts on the natives of the lands conquered by the Spanish and other European powers.
27. How did the explorations contribute to the growth of the slave trade.
28. Approximately how many Africans are estimated to have been forcibly moved to the New World.
29. How many died on the journey.
30. Why were there conflicts between powers during this time?
31. Mention three conflicts that occurred.