

1 **World History I**

HIST 1210

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2 **Age of Exploration**3 **Oceanic Expansion: China**

- Zheng He (early 1400s)
 - palace eunuch
 - voyages of exploration
 - Japan, India, Arabia, Africa
 - attempt to exert authority abroad
 - voyages discontinued
 - change of emperor
 - opposition from Confucians.

4 **China: Ming Dynasty, 1368-1644**

- Voyages of Zhenghe, 1405-33.

5 **Oceanic Expansion:
Europe**

- Reasons for exploration
 - desire for trade in Indian Ocean
 - advantages of sea routes
 - Ottoman expansion
 - Fall of Constantinople, 1453.

6 **Oceanic Expansion:
Europe**

- Problems
 - Limited geographic knowledge
 - Knowledge of winds and currents
 - Ship technology (hulls, riggings, etc.).

7 **Oceanic Expansion:
Europe**

- Early expansion
 - Bristol (England) whaling
 - São Jorge da Mina (Portuguese port in Africa).
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8 **Christopher Columbus**

- Knowledge of navigation
- Research into size of earth, distances
- Persuaded Queen Isabella of Castile (1492).

9 **<http://www.fasttrackteaching.com/map3Discovery.html>**10 **Result of Age of Discovery**

- European colonization of Americas
- Deaths of Native Americans due to disease/warfare
- Introduction of African slavery into Americas
- Columbian Exchange.

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12  **Columbian Exchange**

- ① • New World to Old World
 - Potatoes
 - Maize (corn)
 - Chocolate
 - Tomatoes
 - Chilis
 - Peanuts
 - Tobacco
 - Syphilis.
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- ② • Old World to New World
 - Rice
 - Coffee
 - Fruits: apples, bananas, oranges, etc.
 - Livestock: cattle, sheep, goats
 - Dogs
 - Weeds, grasses
 - Diseases: smallpox, measles, influenza, etc.
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13  **Oceanic Expansion: Europe**

- Henry the Navigator (early 1400s)
 - Portuguese prince
 - Azores, Canary Islands, African coast
- Christopher Columbus (early 1490s)
 - sailing for Spain
 - Caribbean (though seeking Asia)
- John Cabot (mid-1490s)
 - sailing for England
 - North America
- Vasco da Gama (late 1490s)
 - Portuguese
 - Cape of Good Hope, Indian Ocean, India.

14  **Medieval Sourcebook***

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/columbus2.asp>

- In obedience to your Highnesses' commands, and with submission to superior judgment
- the number of colonists who desire to go thither amounts to two thousand
- there shall be founded three or four towns
- That there shall be a church, and parish priests or friars to administer the sacraments, to perform divine worship, and for the conversion of the Indians.
- That none of the colonists shall go to seek gold without a license from the governor or alcalde of the town where he lives;

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- That one per centum of all the gold that may be found shall be set aside for building churches and adorning the same, and for the support of the priests or friars

belonging to them;

- the privilege of going to look for gold ought to be withheld during some portion of each year, that there may be opportunity to have the other business necessary for the island performed.
- In regard to the discovery of new countries, I think permission should be granted to all that wish to go,
- [The word "gold" appears 17 times and is mentioned in 9 of 13 provisions.]

16 **Writing: 10 minutes**

- What does this letter tell us about how the Spanish viewed their colony? Give at least two examples from the assigned reading to support your conclusion.
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