EUROPEAN EXPLORATION COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Choose the BEST answer.

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1. When did Europeans begin to explore the world?
   a. During the Renaissance.
   b. In the 1900’s
   c. During the conflicts.

2. Why did many countries in Europe have wars at that time?
   a. To be more powerful and richer.
   b. To increase the struggles.
   c. To be practical.

3. Why could Europe NOT use the traditional trade route to Asia?
   a. Asian countries did not want to trade.
   b. Some Asian countries blocked the route.
   c. King Ferdinand did not want to work with Henry the Navigator.

4. What did the leaders in Europe want to find besides a new trade route?
   a. Wealth
   b. Slaves
   c. Christians

5. What was ONE of the consequences or effects of looking for a new route?
   a. To find a new route.
   b. The discovery of the Americas.
   c. Christopher Columbus’ ships.

6. When did Christopher Columbus arrive in a Caribbean island?
   a. August 3, 1492
   b. October 12, 1492
   c. The Watlings Islands.

7. Haiti and the Dominican Republic form the island of
   a. Hispaniola
   b. Cuba
   c. Taino

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8. What was one of the consequences of the Discovery of the Americas?
   a. European countries conquered lands in the Americas.
   b. Christopher Columbus came in 1494.
   c. Spain and Portugal signed a treaty.
9. As a result of the treaty signed between Spain and Portugal, Portugal was able to conquer
   a. Mexico
   b. Brazil
   c. Colombia

10. How long did the Magellan expedition take?
    a. 2 years
    b. 3 years
    c. 6 years

11. Which country did the conquistador fight for?
    a. Spain
    b. France
    c. Italy

12. What was ONE of the reasons why conquistadors could win the fight against the native people?
    a. Conquistadors were Catholics.
    b. Conquistadors had better weapons.
    c. Conquistadors were taller.

13. Why was the horse important for the conquistadors?
    a. Horses were very fast.
    b. Native people did not have horses.
    c. Horses were delicious.

14. Why was the smallpox terrible for Native Americans?
    a. They didn’t know this disease and many died.
    b. This weapon was very dangerous.
    c. The Europeans could eat it.

15. Who was Hernán Cortes?
    a. A catholic priest.
    b. A famous conquistador.
    c. A smallpox specialist.