

UNIT 3 - AGE OF EUROPEAN EXPLORERS

READING SELECTIONS: Know the author, time period, and main content for each of the following readings. How does it (or not) reflect the time period?

- **Ellis and Esler. World History: The Modern Era. Chapter 2-3 (Pages 82-136.)**
- Kagan, Donald. *The Western Heritage: Since 1300.* – Chapter 10 (p. 340-351), Chapter 17 (p.550-568) – Supplementary Reading
- Gomes Eannes de Azurara, “The Chronicle of Discovery and Conquest of Guinea.” p. 188-9 (Sherman Ch 14)
- King Affonso I: Letter to King John III of Portugal. (Ellis & Esler: WH) p. 94
- Columbus, “Letter to Lord Sanchez” p. 189-190 (Sherman Ch 14)
- Bernal Diaz, “Memoirs: The Aztecs.” p. 190-191 (Sherman Ch 14)
- GAOm – “The Eve of Adventure.” (Hand Out)
- Charles Mann, “1491: Rewriting the History of the Americas Before Columbus”, 2006. (Handout in class)
- Philipp W. von Hornick, “Austria Over All If She Only Will: Mercantilism.” p. 216-217 (Sherman)
- **Visual Source:** “The Conquest of Mexico as Seen by the Aztecs”, p. 193. (Sherman Ch 14)

TERMS:

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| 3 G's | Isabella of Castile | Conquistadors |
| Prince Henry the Navigator | Ferdinand of Aragon | <i>encomienda</i> |
| Cartographer | Christopher Columbus | Bartholome de Las Casas |
| Affonso I | Treaty of Tordesillas | Triangular Trade |
| Bartholomeu Dias | Line of Demarcation | Olaudah Equiano |
| Vasco da Gama | Ferdinand Magellan | Columbian Exchange |
| Capetown | Hernando Cortez | Price Revolution |
| Dutch East Indies Company | Tenochtitlan | Mercantilism |
| Matteo Ricci | Francisco Pizzaro | |

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Europe seek new routes of exploration to Asia? Why not earlier? What permitted them to explore with success at this point in time? What was their greatest motive?
2. How did the Renaissance lead to and support an Age of Exploration?
3. How were the goals and objectives of the Portuguese and Spanish explorers similar or different?
4. How did the Spanish try to profit from their new empire? Explain.
5. How did slavery impact Africa? the Americas?
6. How did the voyages of European explorers lead to new economic systems?