Why did Europeans begin overseas explorations? (3 reasons)

- Crusades:

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What are some examples of improved technologies helping Europeans travel? (3 examples)

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List the achievements of the following explorers:

* Bartolomeo Diaz
* Vasco da Gama
* Ferdinand Magellan
* Hernan Cortez
* Francisco Pizarro

Why did Portugal's explorations lead to the development of a trading empire?

What was the Treaty of Tordesillas, and how did it impact international exploration?

How did the voyages of Christopher Columbus affect the search for a voyage to the Indies?

Describe the Columbian Exchange.

How did the Columbian exchange impact native peoples of the Americas?

Describe results of encounters with the Spanish and Native Americans.

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Why were the Spanish able to conquer the Aztecs and Incas?

How did Spain rule its empire in the Americas?

Describe the encomienda system.

Why was the encomienda system a failure?

Describe how European nations challenged Spain for power.

How did competition for power by Europeans affect the Native Americans?

Describe the 3 legs of the Triangle Trade and which goods were traded from each direction

What led to the Atlantic Slave Trade?

Describe the Middle Passage.

Explain how the slave trade contributed to the rise of new African States.

How did the printing press impact the age of Exploration?

What is the Commercial Revolution?

How did the development of capitalism arise from the Commercial Revolution? [Be able to define capitalism]

Define mercantilism.

In the mercantilism system, how did nations gauge their power and wealth?

Explain the impact of the commercial revolution and mercantilism.

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