

History
The Tudors Explore
Book: Exploring the Tudor Age of Discovery
Pages 4-7

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Exploring the Tudor Age of Discovery.

In this segment, we are going to look at how the Tudors saw the world, and some of the reasons why the Tudors began exploring.

You will need to go to pages 4-5 of the book.

Part 1

What are some of the things that Europeans believed about the world at the start of Tudor times?

Answer ...

That Europe, Asia and Africa were surrounded by a great ocean. Also accept, that the Atlantic Ocean went on until the edge of the world was reached.

Part 2

What did Europeans think about Jerusalem at the start of Tudor times?

Answer ...

They thought of it as the centre of the world.

Now turn to pages 6-7 of the book.

Part 3

Why were Europeans interested in exploring - what were they looking for?

Answer ...

They were trying to find a sea route to reach Asia and the silk, gold and spice trade there because the Turks controlled the overland routes.

Part 4

Why did the Spanish send Columbus west across the Atlantic instead of east along the coast of Africa?

Answer ...

Because the Portuguese had built forts and claimed land in Africa, so there were no safe ports there for the Spanish to use.

Part 5

Why did England join the race to discover new lands?

Answer ...

Tudor merchants were interested in having a part of or controlling the spice, silk and gold trade.

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