



TOPIC 2.I

The Age of Exploration

1. *By the 1400's, Europe's population was growing-as was the demand for goods from _____. The most valued items were _____. The chief source of spices was the _____, a chain of islands also known as the Spice Islands.*
2. *European monarchs hoped to gain _____ to the riches of Asia by cutting out the Muslim and Italian middlemen who controlled trade between Europe and Asia.*
3. _____, a small nation on the western edge of Spain, led the way in exploration.
4. *From 1415 until his death in 1460, Prince _____ of Portugal gathered scientists and cartographers and sent several expeditions to explore the west coast of Africa. His influence on exploration was so important he became known as _____.*
5. *In 1488, _____ of Portugal sailed around the _____ at the Southern tip of Africa.*
6. *In 1497, Portuguese navigator _____ led four ships around the Cape of Good Hope and reached the great spice port of _____ on the west coast of _____.*
7. *Before long, the Portuguese built a vast _____ and Portugal became a world power.*
8. *An Italian navigator, _____, who was convinced the Earth was a sphere, hoped to reach Asia by sailing _____ across the _____ Ocean.*

