



Reasons for Exploration Fourth Grade

Name: _____

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Activity #1: Match the reason with the correct explanation.

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| Wealth • | • Many explorers wanted to travel around the world to spread their religion |
| Religion • | • Some explorers wanted to become famous in their home land |
| Fame • | • Explorers wanted to find gold and other treasures. |
| Curiosity • | • Explorers wanted to get more land for their home country. |
| National Pride • | • Explorers were curious about different lands, animals, people and goods |

Activity #2: Find the words in the word puzzle.

E	A	E	C	O	U	E	L	E	S	S
R	D	A	E	E	S	U	E	T	V	S
L	D	R	R	R	V	L	A	N	D	D
D	E	R	U	S	A	E	R	T	E	T
V	I	R	E	S	T	R	O	X	T	R
A	V	S	R	E	V	R	P	N	V	A
T	E	R	C	S	S	L	D	R	L	V
R	R	R	O	O	O	R	E	P	D	E
A	T	I	E	R	V	S	R	T	E	L
D	R	A	E	C	T	E	T	M	A	L
E	V	R	E	E	S	T	R	E	T	L

EXPLORER

DISCOVER

LAND

TREASURE

TRAVEL

TRADE

Activity #3: Read and write the correct answer for each question

The Age of Exploration is also called the Age of Discovery. It began in the 1400s and continued through the 1600s. It was a period of time when the European nations began exploring the world. Europeans wanted to explore to gain fame or experience adventure, but the main purpose of an expedition was to make wealth.

Some expeditions became rich by discovering gold and silver, such as the expeditions of the Spanish to the Americas.

The Age of Exploration began in Portugal under the leadership of Henry the Navigator. He sent out ships to map and explore the west coast of Africa.

Christopher Columbus discovered the New World of the Americas in 1492.

1. How is also called the Age of Exploration? _____
2. What was the main purpose for expedition? _____
3. Who began the Age of Exploration in Portugal? _____
4. Who discovered the New World of the Americas? _____
5. In which year was discovered the New World of the Americas? _____