

Topic	Name: Your Name
	Teacher: Alvarez
	Class: Period 1,3,4,5,6
	Date
Questions/Main Ideas:	Notes
If Marco Polo travels for 20+ years and comes back with no book and tales of spices of India, do the Europeans begin their interest in India?	<p>I. Expanding Horizons</p> <p>a. Marco Polo's book, Travels, written in 1296-97, described his travels to Asia. It inspired Columbus and other explorers to journey to these lands 200 years later.</p> <p>b. The cities of Venice, Genoa, and Pisa became centers of the growing trade in goods such as spices, silks, perfumes, and precious stones</p> <p>c. The Renaissance, a period of renewed interest in classical Greek and Roman learning spread throughout Europe in the 1400's.</p>
What encourages Europeans to pursue new ideas and challenges and set the stage for exploration and discovery	<p>II. Powerful Nations Emerge</p> <p>a. The development of large nation states in western Europe helped spark foreign trade and travel outside the region</p> <p>b. The monarchies of Spain, Portugal, England, and France looked for ways to increase the power and wealth of their countries</p>
Why do you think Western Europeans explorers found Asia so interesting?	<p>III. Technology's Impact</p> <p>a. Better maps and navigational instruments, such as the astrolabe and compass, helped navigators more acutely determine direction and location</p> <p>b. Larger and sturdier sailing vessels, such as the caravel, enabled sailor to travel faster and carry more food, cargo, and people.</p> <p>c. These advances enabled sailors to explore new routes, especially a sea route to Asia.</p>
Why was it necessary for monarchs to work at building powerful and wealthy countries?	<p>IV. African Kingdoms</p> <p>a. Three West African kingdoms flourished: Ghana, Mali, and Songhai</p> <p>b. Ghana was a huge trading Empire between 400 and 1100. Its trade in gold and salt contributed</p>
Why would Portugal and Spain begin searching for routes to Asia by going south to the west coast of Africa?	
Summary:	
The continents of Europe and Africa begin a frenzy after the renaissance to better their wealth and power. Portugal behind its King and Spain as well begin seeking routes through the coast of Africa in search of spices and other goods.	

