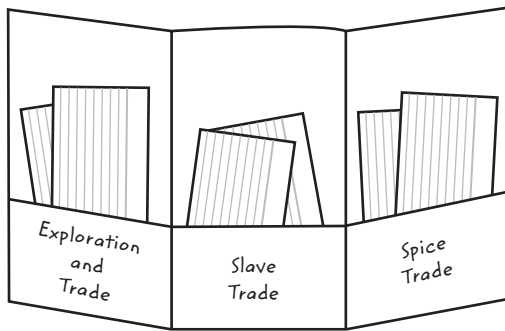


The Age of Exploration, 1500-1800

TOPIC SUMMARY

During the age of European exploration, nations sought to gain territory, goods, or trading partners. Explorers risked long voyages over unfamiliar oceans and seas to gain an economic advantage. During this period, the international trade in enslaved Africans began. In the next three centuries, millions of Africans were enslaved and sent abroad. Millions were sent to the New World—the Caribbean, Brazil, and the American South mostly—to work on sugar, coffee, tobacco, rice, and cotton plantations.

Describing

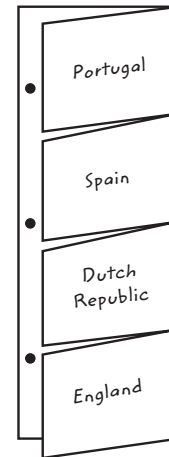


Three-Pocket Book

Have students make this Three-Pocket Book to organize information about exploration and trade, slave trade, and spice trade from 1500 to 1800. Students should take notes as they read the related material on note cards. Students should review their notes and place them in the appropriate pocket.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" x 17" paper, scissors, and glue

Identifying



Four-Tab Book

Have students make this Four-Tab Book to record information about the explorations of the Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, and English. Have students focus on people, places, dates, items traded, and rivalries with other nations.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper and scissors

Categorizing

Compare	Date	Country	Discovery
Explorer #1			
Explorer #2			
Explorer #3			

Folded Table

Have students create this Folded Table to categorize information about any three explorers discussed in the chapter on the Age of Exploration. Information should be categorized by date, country, and discovery. Encourage students to conduct additional research about these explorers and add facts discovered to the Foldable.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" x 17" paper