

Unit 4 - Transoceanic Connections

Topic 4.2 - Exploration: Causes and Events from 1450 to 1750

Thematic Focus: Governance (GOV)

A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.

Essential Questions: *In what ways did political states play a role in the expansion of maritime trade and what were their motivations?*

Learning Objective	Historical Developments (KC's)	Study Guide Notes on Historical Developments (KC)
<p>Describe the role of states in the expansion of maritime exploration from 1450 to 1750.</p> <p>European Comparisons: Strayer p. 513-515</p> <p>European Advantage: Strayer p. 554-557</p>	<p>KC 4.1.III New state-supported transoceanic maritime exploration occurred in this period</p>	

Response to learning objective:

Thematic Focus: Economic Systems (ECN)

As societies develop, they affect and are affected by the ways that they produce, exchange, and consume goods and services.

Essential Questions: *What were the economic causes that drove the maritime exploration of the European nations and in what ways were these nations effected?*

Learning Objective	Historical Developments (KC's)	Study Guide Notes on Historical Developments (KC)
<p>Explain the economic causes and effects of maritime exploration by the various European states.</p> <p>European Comparisons: Strayer p. 513-515</p> <p>European Advantage: Strayer p. 554-557</p> <p>European & Asian Commerce: Strayer p. 602-606</p>	<p>KC 4.1.III.A Portuguese development of maritime technology and navigational skills led to increased travel to and trade with Africa and Asia and resulted in the construction of a global trading-post empire.</p> <p>KC 4.1.III.B Spanish sponsorship of the voyages of Columbus and subsequent voyages across the Atlantic and Pacific dramatically increased European interest in transoceanic travel and trade.</p> <p>KC 4.1.III.C Northern Atlantic crossings were undertaken under English, French, and Dutch sponsorship, often with the goal of finding alternative sailing routes to Asia.</p>	

Response to learning objective:

**Illustrative
Examples**

Notes - Significance (how does each help answer the Essential Question) **& Theme**

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