

# What is the Renaissance?

- The period known as the Renaissance was the beginning of the modern world we live in today. In the short period 1450-1600 our understanding of the world was transformed.
- Before 1450, during the Middle Ages, it was a period of ignorance and fear.
  People in those days knew a great deal less about the world in which they lived than we do today.



# Barriers to Exploration

People thought the earth was smaller and didn't know about all the countries that existed.

People believed the earth was flat and if you travelled too far you would fall off the edge into hell.

People believed that the oceans were full of sea monsters. People believed the earth was the centre of the universe and that the stars and planets moved around it.

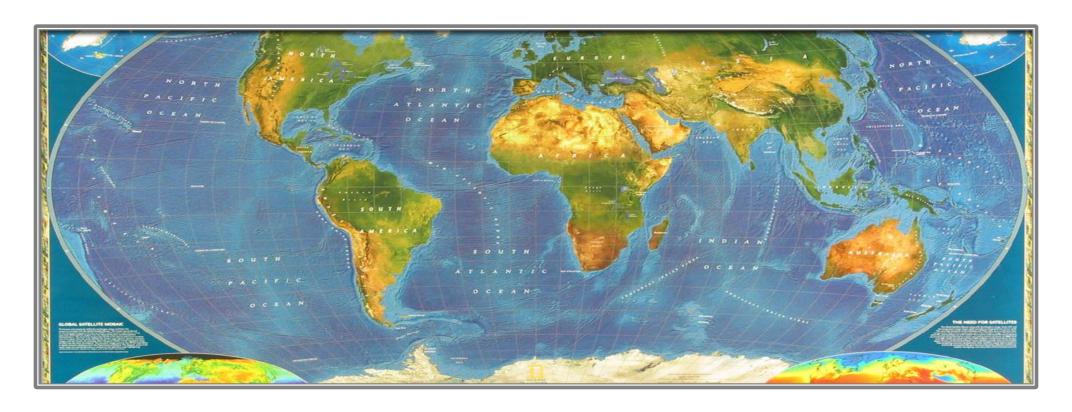
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What do we believe today?



### Barriers to Exploration

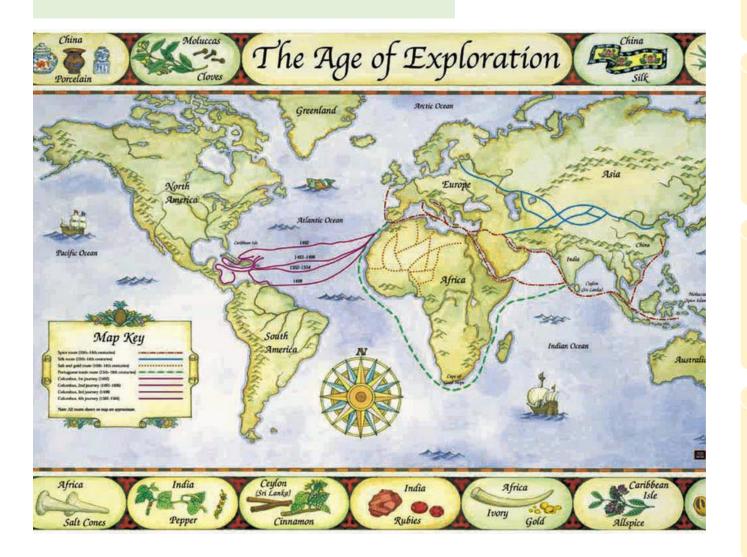




What would make it difficult to explore by land?

What would make it difficult to explore by sea?

### So why explore?



Exploration means to travel through (an unfamiliar area) in order to learn about it or inquire into or discuss (a subject) in detail.

People wanted to find out more about the world we live in and find new lands which countries in Europe could trade with.

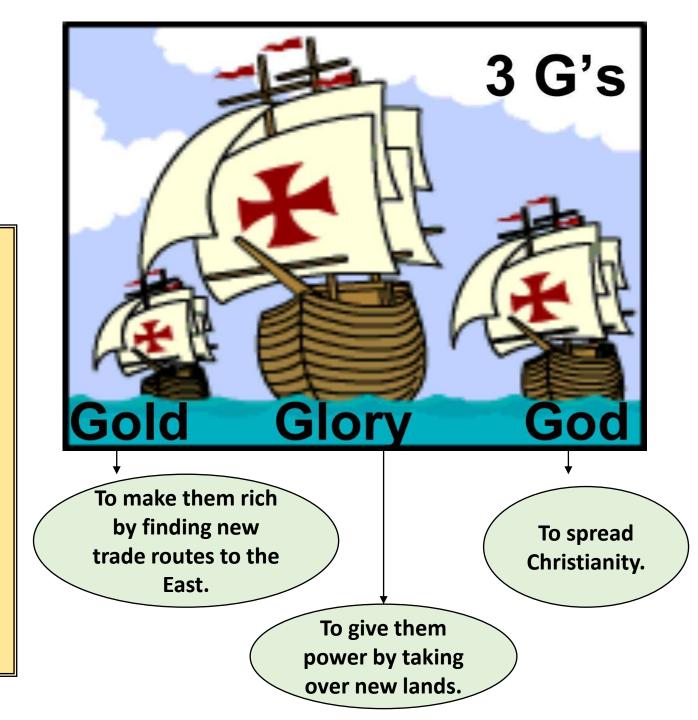
European countries began to compete to see who could make new discoveries first.

Countries such as Portugal and Spain were keen to find trade routes to countries such as India but this would involve finding a sea route to these distant countries.





- Countries like Spain and Portugal were rivals and were both keen to find new sea routes to distant countries.
- Their Kings raced to be the first to reach new land and discover new routes.
- Their main reasons for this were gold, glory and God.





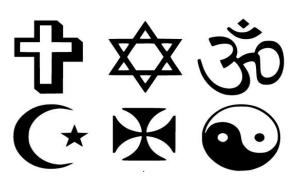
## So why explore?

Create and expand a Empire. Show national pride

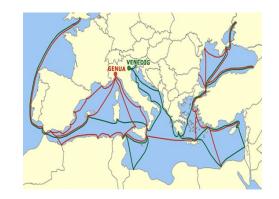


Find your fortune and become rich

Find new trade routes



Spread religion





Find new spices and foods





Find luxury goods



Curious to see the world

Become famous

#### Weeks 3 and 4 Task

#### Task A

Produce a piece of work showing the barriers to exploration and the opportunities it offered people in the Renaissance period. You may write a report, create a poster or record a video or podcast. Use the information on the slides and add your own if you can. If you complete on paper please take a picture and send in!

#### Task B

You have asked you to come up with a brand new snakes and ladders game called 'The Age of Exploration.' Your board game must show the barriers (the snakes!) and opportunities (the ladders!) explorers faced in travelling to new lands. You can add your own twists and rules if you wish.

You can create your own board or download for free – see next slide for an example. Please send us a picture of your game!

Please email completed work to <a href="mailto:grp-fahistory@glowschools.org.uk">grp-fahistory@glowschools.org.uk</a> by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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