



Exploration & Colonization

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

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Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why did European countries want to find a sea route to Asia?

Europeans wanted a direct sea route to Asia to trade for valuable spices, silk, and gold without paying high prices to middlemen who controlled overland trade routes.

2. How did Columbus change the relationship between Europe and the Americas?

Columbus opened lasting contact between Europe and the Americas, starting the Columbian Exchange where crops, animals, and diseases were traded between the two continents.
