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Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 4: The Age of Exploration

Terms to know from this episode:

- Ottoman defeat of Constantinople (1453)
- Prince Henry the Navigator
- Christopher Columbus
- Hernan Cortes
- Francisco Pizarro
- Caravel
- navigational technological advances
- Malinche
- Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)

1. Surely you learned something about European Exploration in earlier grades. Jot down some names or events you remember here:

2. What major turning point in European History happened in May of 1453?

3. What is the significance of Prince Henry the Navigator?

4. Who was Mansa Musa and how did he inspire the Portuguese?

5. How were African women essential to European trade?

6. How did the Portuguese extract wealth from African coastlines?

7. How did the Spanish Empire extract wealth from their exploration, starting with Columbus' 1492 trip?

8. What three factors drove Spanish exploration?

9. From the perspective of indigenous people living in Spanish colonies, give two examples of how Spanish colonization led to loss.

10. What happened between 1519 and 1522?

11. Hernán Cortés reached _____ of the _____ Empire in 1519.
12. Both _____ and Cortés relied on help from rival indigenous communities to help them take control from the _____ and _____.
13. Describe one way in which non-Europeans helped to facilitate European trade.
14. How did Malinche help Cortés?
15. How did the Treaty of Tordesillas settle disputes between the Spanish and Portuguese?
16. Estimates of the number of indigenous Americans killed by disease after European contact are as high as _____%.
17. What is Potosi? What impact did it have on Europe?
18. Can you think of ways in which European exploration still has an impact on the present? Describe one.

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