

European Exploration

- I. Reasons to Explore
 - a. Control trade
 - b. Gain direct access to Asia
 - c. Gain wealth

- II. Portugal Leads
 - a. Vasco da Gama sails around Africa
 - b. Found first sea route to India
 - c. Created a vast trading empire

- III. Spain looks for another route to Asia
 - a. Columbus finds route to undiscovered land (Americans)
 - b. To avoid conflict, Spain and Portugal divide exploration rights call the Line of Demarcation

- IV. New discoveries cause other nations to explore
 - a. The Dutch (Netherlands) created the Dutch East Indian Company
 - b. Britain established a British East India Company