

## Age of Exploration Project

**Directions:** In your groups, you will be researching one of the major maritime empires (Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Britain, France) during the Age of Exploration. You must take detailed notes and identify and label the major exploration routes and colonies of the time. You will be filling out a graphic organizer, labeling a map, creating a poster for other groups, and debriefing/discussing as a class.

### Maritime Empires / Key Information:

#### **Portugal (Purple) - 19.1, 20.1**

- Prince Henry
- Bartolomeu Dias
- Vasco da Gama
- Treaty of Tordesillas
- Strait of Malacca
- Amerigo Vespucci

#### **Spain (Yellow) - 19.1, 20.1**

- Christopher Columbus
- Treaty of Tordesillas
- Ferdinand Magellan
- Hernando Cortes
- Francisco Pizarro

#### **Netherlands (Orange) -19.1, 20.2**

- The Cape of Good Hope
- Dutch East India Company
- Amsterdam
- New Netherland
- Henry Hudson

#### **Britain (Red) -19.1, 20.2**

- English East India Company
- Jamestown
- Puritans / Pilgrims
- French and Indian War

#### **France (Blue) - 19.1, 20.2**

- French East India Company
- Jacques Cartier
- New France
- Samuel de Champlain

1. Using the textbook sections, color in and label the country assigned to you using the color of your country. In addition, trace and label the exploration routes for your empire with your assigned color. Lastly, color in any territory that your empire colonized / influenced with your assigned color.
2. Using the textbook sections, take detailed notes in the graphic organizer on your maritime empire including the required content listed above.
3. Using this information, create a poster for your maritime empire that includes the following:
  - a. A map with the correct exploration routes and territory labeled with the correct color
  - b. Reasons / causes for exploration and power
  - c. Key figures / explorers
  - d. Conquered regions
  - e. Effects of exploration and colonization