THE AGE OF EXPLORATION MAP ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS: Refer to the map on pages 366 and 367 of your textbook to help you answer the following questions and perform the following tasks.

1. On the map on the reverse side of this page, locate and label the following items:

   North America       West Indies
   South America       Ming Empire
   Asia                Aztec Empire
   Europe              Inca Empire
   Africa              Ottoman Empire
   Australia           Mughal Empire
   Pacific Ocean       Atlantic Ocean
   Indian Ocean        East Indies

2. Use different COLORED PENCILS to shade in the following countries:

   England     Portugal     Spain       Netherlands

3. Use colors that match those in #2 above to indicate the exploration routes taken by the following men. EACH EXPLORER WHO SAILED FOR SPAIN MUST HAVE A DIFFERENT LINE (SOLID, DOTTED, DASHED):

   Columbus    Cabot    da Gama    Magellan    Hudson    Balboa

4. Create a key in the blank box that explains the colors that you used in #2 and #3 above.

5. Besides Vasco da Gama, who explored for Portugal? ____________________________

6. Describe the areas that these two men explored. ____________________________
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7. Is it correct to say that the European explorers “discovered” the Americas? Explain.
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