Age of European Exploration

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 68–69 in the Atlas. Read the introduction and the history question, “Whose land is it?” Use the information to fill in the blanks below. Write T next to each statement if it is true or F if the statement is false.

   a. Western Europeans wanted expensive goods from Southeast and East Asia.
      
      _____
   b. New technologies helped Europeans find new exploration routes. _____
   c. There was little competition between European powers to find a new route to the Indies. _____
   d. Europeans focused only on exploration and not on conquering new areas. _____
   e. People living in areas claimed by Europeans often did not know they had new rulers. _____

★ Places, Regions, and Landscapes

2. Look at map A, “The Riches of the Indies.” Use the information to complete the columns below. List the trade goods shown on the map under the regions in which they were found. Some goods were found in more than one region.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>India</th>
<th>China</th>
<th>Siam, Laos, Annam, and Cambodia</th>
<th>Malay States</th>
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History Through Maps

3. Use map B, “Western European Explorations by Sea,” to complete the following chart by adding the name of the explorer, the years of the voyage, the sponsoring country, or the explorer’s contributions to the empty boxes.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Explorer</th>
<th>Year(s) of the voyage</th>
<th>Sponsoring country</th>
<th>Contribution</th>
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<td>da Gama</td>
<td>1497–1498</td>
<td>Portugal</td>
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<td>Drake</td>
<td>1577–1580</td>
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<td>Columbus</td>
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<td>Crew was first to sail around the world.</td>
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People and Their Environments

4. Look at picture C and read its caption. Use the picture and map B, “Western European Explorations by Sea,” to answer the following questions.

a. What were some of the spices that Western Europeans wanted?
   ________________, ________________, and ________________

b. Which European explorers actually reached the Spice Islands?
   ________________ and ________________

c. Why did kings sponsor voyages to explore the Indies?
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★ People and Cultures

5. Look at picture D and read its caption. Describe what the first meeting between a European explorer and a ruler in the Indies might have been like.
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