

# Guided Reading



## Exploring the Americas

### Lesson 2 *Early Exploration*

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

*Why do people trade?*

### The Search for New Trade Routes

**Reading for Accuracy** Write **T** next to the statements that are true. Write **F** next to statements that are not true. Rewrite the underlined portion of statements that are not true.

1. When Columbus's three ships made landfall in October 1492, he found himself in the East Indies.  
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2. Early explorers' maps showed three continents—Europe, Asia, and Africa—merged into one huge landmass and bordered by oceans.  
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3. Portugal was the first European power to explore the known world by sea.  
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**Explaining** Reread the question below. Rewrite it as a statement. Then fill in the table with two details that support the statement.

Why did Portugal want to find a sea route to Asia?

4. Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

5. _____	6. _____
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Use your textbook to help you fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

7. In 1420 \_\_\_\_\_ set up a center for the study of exploration.
8. It was located at Sagres, on the southwestern tip of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. He is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
10. At his school, astronomers, geographers, and mathematicians came to share their knowledge with \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Portuguese vessels sailed south along the coast of \_\_\_\_\_.
12. In 1487 Bartolomeu Dias sailed as far as \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Vasco da Gama is the one who finally \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In 1498 da Gama reached \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Determining Cause and Effect** What were four effects of the voyages of Pedro Álvares Cabral?

Pedro Álvares Cabral set sail from Lisbon.	15.
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	18.

### Columbus Crosses the Atlantic

**Sequencing** Use your textbook to complete this time line<sup>1</sup> with information about early explorers.

