**Journal Prompt**- write on 1/3 back of this page. If you were the Emperor or Empress of a vast domain, what could you do to protect the interests of your empire from foreign invaders?

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| Details | To show particular attention to an item | Conquistador | Latin American soldiers |
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| Cape | A point of land extending into a body of water | Harbor | A port or haven that provides protection for ships |
| Ant. |  | Ant |  |

Extension activity- Using the Nystrom Atlas of World History (pages 76-77), complete the attached worksheets.

Portugal began to explore the west coast of Africa during the mid- 1400’s. They established the first Europe-Asian water trade route. Vasco da Gama was the first explorer to make it from Portugal to India. He began his voyage in 1497 and reached India in 1498. Ferdinand Magellan became the first to send a crew around the world. Portugal set the standard for exploration, but it wouldn’t be long until other countries began competing for dominance.

Spain became very active in exploring and mapping new lands through the sponsorship of the Spanish Kings and Queens. The most famous explorer for Spain was Christopher Columbus. He began making explorations to the New World in 1492. Because of his explorations, we have detailed maps of the Caribbean and Central America. The Spanish wanted gold! Because of this, two major civilizations- the Aztecs and the Incas- were conquered. The Aztec were conquered by Hernan Cortez in 1519 and the Inca were conquered by Francisco Pizarro in 1532.

An Italian, Giovanni Caboto or John Cabot was hired by the British to explore the New World. Cabot made two voyages in 1496 and 1497. He claimed part of Canada for the British and helped make Britain a strong force in North America.

In 1541 Jacques Cartier sailed the St. Lawrence seaway in the name of France. Cartier hoped to prove the St. Lawrence River went to Asia. He was proven wrong.

The empires of Portugal, Spain, England and France in Asia, Africa, and the America’s.

**SS6H6** The student will analyze the impact of European exploration and colonization on various world regions.