**Enrichment Activity**

Using the world map on the back of this page, draw an exploration route you would have liked to take. Label your starting point and your ending point. Also, label any stops you may have had to make. Be sure to label things you would have been able to bring back to you sponsor as a result of your exploration.

1. What caused changes in Europe?
2. What did Europeans begin competing for?
3. What were reasons for exploration?
4. Why did crusades begin?
5. What invention helped with navigation?
6. Who sponsored explorations?

**Journal Prompt**- write in the space provided…If you could explore any part of the world, where would you choose to explore and why?

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| Change | To make different; alter | Compete | To contend with another or others for a prize |
| Ant. |  | Ant. |  |
| Explore | To search through or travel in or over, as new lands, for discovery | Voyage | A journey by water |
| Ant. |  | Ant. |  |

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

Europe had great changes due to the Renaissance and the scientific revolution. Competition for natural resources and trade power began between the European countries. Spices, gold and other wealth made the desire for exploration even greater. The spread of Christianity was a huge motivator for exploration. Christians felt that everyone should have the same faith as them. Because of this, Crusade’s began occurring and missionaries went out trying to convert those people they felt weren’t Christian. As more explorations began happening, shipbuilding became more improved. Tools were invented to help with navigation. With these improved ships and navigational tools, longer voyages were able to take place. The European nations were able to become more powerful as a result of these explorations. Kings, Queens, and wealthy people began to sponsor voyages of exploration around the world.