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Age of Exploration, Worksheet - 1

True or False - Write a (O) if the statement is false and a (+) if the statement is true.

1. The Magna Carta, written in 1215, gave more power to the common people and less power to Monarchs.
2. The Northwest Passage would allow ships to pass around South America from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean.
3. Christopher Columbus died a wealthy, famous man.
4. New England is located in the Mid-West region of the United States.
5. England made claims to land that was located in modern day America near the Pacific Ocean.
6. Spain made claims to land that was located in modern day America and Canada near the Great Lakes.
7. Columbus's discovery of the America's allowed for future European exploration.
8. After his first voyage, Columbus knew he discovered the "New World".
9. A hierarchy is a system used to rank someone or something based on ability or status.



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Age of Exploration, Worksheet - 2

Answer the questions below -

1. What are some reasons why Native Americans resent the fact that Christopher Columbus was glorified for so long?
2. Why do so many people think that Columbus shouldn't be credited for discovering America?
3. In the 1400's, there was very little communication and trade between continents and today it is difficult to imagine a world without these things. How do the countries benefit from these exchanges? How are these exchanges damaging?
4. In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, what were some of the greatest differences between the European culture and native culture of the Americas?
5. What cultural attitudes existed on the part of the Europeans that made them feel that it was all right to buy and sell Africans or enslave Native Americans?
6. One of the biggest changes that resulted from the Great Age of Exploration was an unprecedented shift of world population across the Atlantic Ocean. Discuss the results of these population shifts.
7. How did the restrictions on trade with the Far East help initiate the great age of exploration?
8. What were some of the factors unique to the Renaissance that helped propel the great age of exploration?