

New World— New Opportunities



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The Chapter in Brief

Fill in the blanks to form a summary of Chapter 3 in AMERICA IS.

In the 1300's, Europeans had been trading for Asian goods with people in the _____ as a result of a series of religious wars called the _____. Merchants from _____ established a European monopoly of this trade. Other Europeans wanted to avoid high prices by trading directly with the people of the _____. Little was done to find a new route until the _____ captured Constantinople and endangered trade between Europe and the Far East.

In the late 1400's, navigators from _____ reached Asia by sailing around _____. In 1492, _____ obtained money from the country of _____ and attempted to reach Asia by sailing across the _____. Many Europeans did not know about the existence of the lands of the _____. So when this voyage reached land, they thought they had arrived near _____, and they called the people _____. Eventually, Europeans named the new land _____ after the Italian _____, who also explored the area for Portugal.

A number of other explorers came to the New World. The largest colonial empire was established by the country of _____. Its conquistadors overthrew the existing empires of the _____ and the _____. Many of the captured people died from disease and overwork as slaves of the Europeans. Later, black people were brought from _____ to work as slaves. By 1560, there were as many as _____ blacks in the New World.

France also joined the search for a trade route to Asia and the race to claim lands in the New World. The king of France sent _____ and _____ to explore North America and to search for a passage to the _____. Early

reports told of finding no gold or silver, nor the _____ to the Pacific. The reports did carry news of forests, _____, and great numbers of _____. In 1608, the first permanent French settlement was founded by _____ at _____ in eastern Canada. Eventually, France claimed a three-part empire, and other Europeans claimed land in North America. The _____ settled along the Hudson River and the _____ settled along the Delaware River.