

European Exploration

Unit VI: Exploration & Exploitation

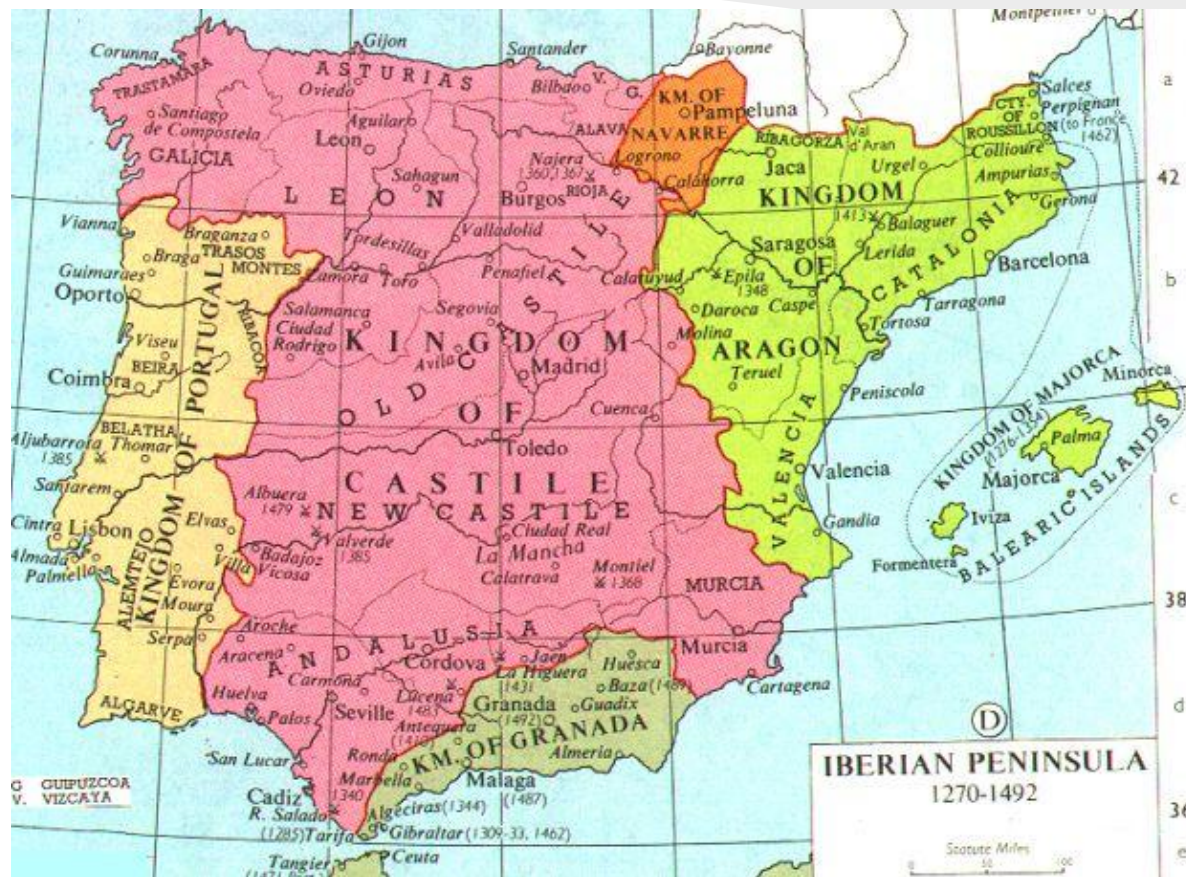
Learning Targets

- Describe the following concepts: economics, Columbian Exchange, exploitation, Middle Passage, Colonialism
- Explain how the Triangle Trade affected the lives of people in Europe, Africa, and / or the Americas.
- Explain the roles of geography and economics in European treatment of people in other parts of the world.

Origins of Exploration

- In the 700's, Muslim armies take over the Iberian Peninsula
 - Present day Spain & Portugal
- In 1492, Christian Spaniards re-conquer Spain and unite it
 - Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand led the *Reconquista*
 - Wants to spread Christianity throughout the world

Origins of Exploration



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- The Crusades
 - spark an increase in trade
 - Crusaders come home with a new taste for products from Asia
- Power of European nobles is weakened
 - Monarchs become more powerful & sponsor overseas exploration

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- The Renaissance
 - new interest in worldly pleasures and confidence in human achievement

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- Motivations for Exploration can be explained in three words:
 - Gold (money found in new lands and through trade)
 - God (desire to spread Christianity)
 - Glory (human achievement and fame)