

RESOURCE 3: VOYAGES OF EXPLORATION AND ENCOUNTER

Turks make you pay a lot of money to cross their lands on your journey to India.	Spices are cheaper to buy in Europe by the 15 th and 16 th century.
Henry the Navigator of Portugal sends sailors on voyages around Africa.	Early travellers find new places which encourages other to want to do the same.
Henry only sends a quarter of the ships which sail out from Portugal.	Portugal is the nearest part of Europe to Africa.
Portugal, Spain, Holland and Britain want to find new sea routes to the Indies.	Africa is the first place sailors come to as they try to find a new way of getting to Asia by sea.
For many years gold has been brought to Europe from Timbuctu in West Africa by camels crossing the Sahara desert.	During later voyages bigger ships are invented called Caravels
Getting gold from to Africa by boat is easier than crossing the Sahara desert	Traders want to go India to buy spices and silks.

Henry wants to find Christians to help with a Crusade against the Turks.	Columbus sails from Spain to America in 1492.
The first voyages take place in small boats	Benin does not have gold but sells cotton, pepper ivory and women slaves.