Portugal Leads the Way
The first to use the new sailing innovations were the ___________________. Located on the Atlantic Ocean in the southwest corner of Europe, Portugal was the first country to establish trading posts along the West African coastline. Soon, they would press on eastward.

A big reason why Portugal was the first country to explore overseas was the strong support it received from its government, namely Prince __________________ the Navigator, son of the Portuguese King. Prince Henry got a taste of exploration when he helped conquer a Muslim city in North Africa. There he saw the great wealth that lay beyond Europe. ______________, gold, silver, and jewels were found.

Anxious to venture further east, Henry founded a __________________ school. Mapmakers, shipbuilders, and the like were able to study together and perfect their trade. By the time Henry died, Portugal had established several trading outposts in Africa, trading for gold and ivory.

The next move was to expand to Asia. To reach Asia, Portuguese explorers had to sail around the tip of Africa. The first explorer to successfully reach India and sail around the tip was ______________ __________. He brought back exotic spices, rare silks, and precious gems. He had traveled 27,000 miles.

Spain Also Makes a Claim
Spain became jealous of Portugal’s expanding empire and also sought a route to Asia. The first explorer for Spain to venture out was __________________. He was mistaken when he landed on an island in the Caribbean, thinking it was the East Indies. Other Spanish explorers would follow in his footsteps, and the world would never be the same.

The rivalry grew between Spain and Portugal, so much so that the Pope had to step in and keep the peace. He devised a plan to satisfy both sides – create an imaginary line, running north to south, dividing the Atlantic Ocean. Spain would get all lands west of the line, Portugal all lands east. This was called the line of __________________, and both countries signed the Treaty of __________________ that established this line.