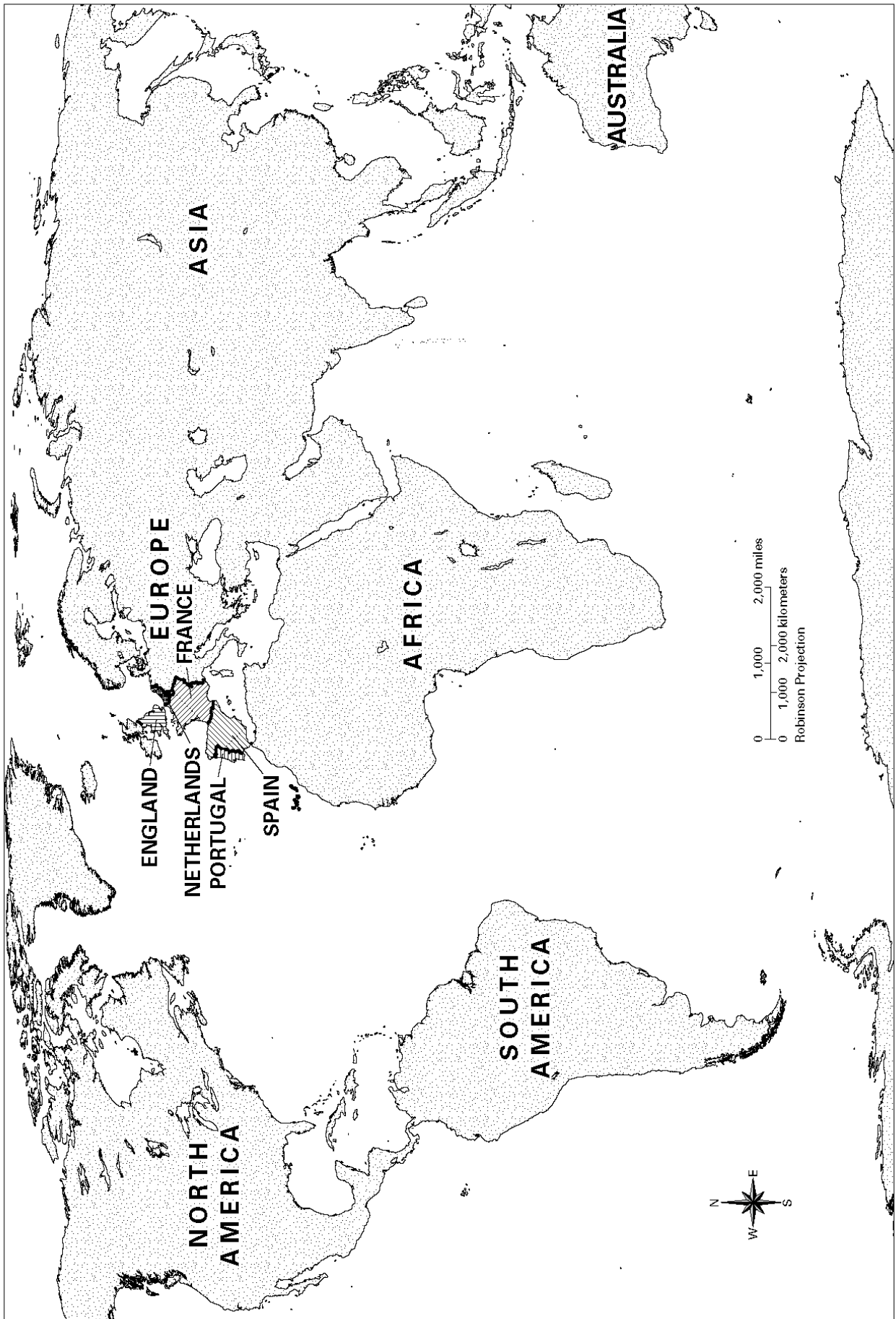


The Age of Exploration



GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Directions: Analyze the "European Exploration & Land Claims" map provided. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Label the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Indian Ocean on your map.
2. Da Gama was the first to find a sea route to Asia. He sailed for Portugal in 1497. Find his route on the map provided. Then draw his route on your map in RED. Label the route with his name.
3. Cabral was the first explorer to sail to the east coast of South America. He sailed for Portugal. Find his route on the map provided. Then draw his route on your map in BLUE. Label the route with his name.
4. By 1600, on which continents did Portugal claim or control territories or cities? On your map, shade the regions claimed by Portugal in ORANGE.

Continents: _____

5. Columbus was the first explorer to sail to the Caribbean Islands. He sailed for Spain. Find his route on the map provided. Then draw his route on your map in PURPLE. Label the route with his name.
6. Magellan was the first to lead a voyage that eventually went around the world. He sailed for Spain. Find his route on the map provided. Then draw his route on your map in GREEN. Label the route with his name.
7. Which European countries during this period sent explorers to North America's east coast?

Countries: _____

8. Describe the route that da Gama took to reach Asia. What does his route tell you about the possible reason why European monarchs wanted to find a different route to Asia?
9. Christopher Columbus sailed westward looking for a route to Asia. What does his expedition reveal about Europe's knowledge of the world at that time?
10. Portugal was the first European country to send out explorers in the Age of Exploration. Why do you think this was so?