

# Lesson 79: Reasons for Exploration Notes

World History

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**Reasons for Exploration:** Many European countries began to explore other parts of the world during the 1400s and 1500s. The reasons for this exploration were:

1. Many countries were searching for new spices to trade for. Spices were considered a luxury item and could be sold for high prices so merchants wanted them to sell.
2. Many people were trying to spread Christianity to parts of the world where Christianity was not accepted or heard of.
3. New technology such as compasses, maps, etc. made travel easier.
4. Kings and queens sent explorers in search of wealth to claim as their own.
5. Kings and queens wanted new lands where they could send criminals and anyone not welcome in their homelands.