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**Why was there an Age of Exploration?**

*Answer these questions as you read the excerpt from Marc Aronson’s book, The World Made New.*

1. What areas were the Chinese exploring in the early 1400s?
2. Why did the Chinese emperor stop the exploratory voyages in 1433?
3. How did the first Portuguese explorations reach India? (What path did they take?)

*The main motivations for European exploration were: Knowledge, Competition, Wealth, Glory and Religion. Elaborate on each of these subtopics below by giving specific examples from the text.*

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| **REASON** | **Explanation/Specific Examples from Text** |
| **Religion** |  |
| **Competition** |  |
| **Wealth** |  |
| **Glory** |  |
| **Knowledge** |  |

1. Exploration cost countries the use of their ships, the expeditions were expensive to supply, and there was no guarantee of success. Understanding these drawbacks, if you were a king or queen of a European country at this time of exploration, which of the factors (2 at the most) above would be the MOST motivating for you to agree to sending an expedition to the New World? Explain in complete sentences, citing specific examples from the text.