

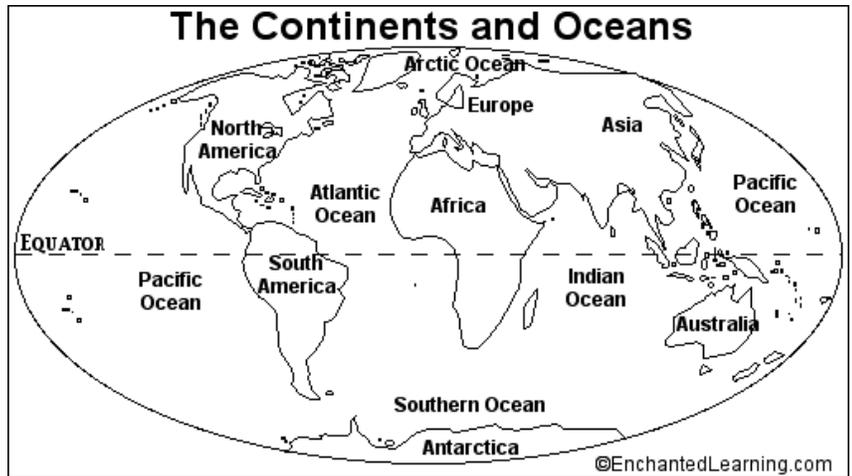
**Test is Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Social Studies Chapter 1 Review Guide: Pre-Exploration

### Lesson 1 – Continents and Map Skills

**Main Idea:** *The Earth contains 7 large land masses called continents and 5 major oceans.*

- Locate all 7 continents
- Locate 5 major oceans
- Follow cardinal directions to answer questions (N, S, E, W)



### Lesson 2 – Natives

**Main Idea:** *People from Asia walked across a “land bridge” during the last ice age from Asia to North America and now are known as Native Americans.*

- Came across the Bering Sea “land bridge” over 10,000 years ago from Asia to North America
- Followed the herds (followed the food)
- Migrated south to populate North and South American continents



### Lesson 3 – Misconceptions about the World

**Main Idea:** *Prior to the “Age of Exploration”, people had many false ideas about the world.*

- People thought the Earth might be flat.
- People thought that Europe was the center of the world.
- People did not know North and South America existed; they thought it was one big ocean they called the “Sea of Darkness” which contained sea monsters.



## Lesson 4 – Reasons for Exploration

**Main Idea:** People had many different reasons to explore, and many of them did it to find new routes for trade, claim new lands, and get rich.

- TRADE – People wanted to create new, cheaper, safer, and faster routes for trade.
- WEALTH – People wanted to find their fortune (gold, etc.)
- NATIONAL PRIDE – People wanted to find new lands for their king/queen/country.
- FOREIGN GOODS – People wanted to get goods they could not get at home.
- FAME – People wanted to become famous for discovering something new.
- CURIOSITY – People wanted to know what else was out there in the world.
- RELIGION – People wanted to spread their religion to other parts of the world (particularly Christianity).



## Lesson 5 – Vikings/Leif Erikson

**Main Idea:** Leif Erikson “discovered” North America in 1001 A.D. Natives were already living there.

- 1001 A.D.
- Heard a rumor about a new land (present-day North America)
- Discovered present-day Newfoundland, which they called “Vinland” after all of the grapes they found there
- Brought back grapes and lumber to Greenland after staying in North America for just a short time



## Lesson 6 – Silk Road/Marco Polo

**Main Idea:** Trade between Europe and Asia on the Silk Road spread new ideas and made people want to find better routes for trade, starting “The Age of Exploration.”

- Marco Polo was one of many merchants who started trading journeys to China from Europe (1271 A.D.) on the Silk Road, a series of trade routes, so they could get foreign goods, particularly silk from China.
- People traveled in caravans, or groups of people who travel together.
- The roads were dangerous due to the mountains and attacks from bandits, waiting to steal.

