

Exercise walk-through

European Exploration in the Americas ■ 1.3

eXercise

You must be able to

- name the three causes the CED gives
- distinguish the economic from the religious cause
- explain why competition is a distinct cause
- avoid reducing the causes to one

Method — Three causes

European nations' efforts stemmed from **a search for new sources of wealth, economic and military competition, and a desire to spread Christianity.**

Method — Economic and religious

The first is a want; the third is a mission. They can reinforce each other, and the CED lists them separately rather than treating one as a cover for the other.

Method — Competition

Economic and military competition is a cause in its own right: a nation may explore because a rival is exploring, regardless of what it expects to find.

Method — Not one cause

A single-cause answer — “they wanted gold” — drops two of the CED’s three and cannot explain why the effort was sustained through failures.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

Name the three causes the CED gives.

Solution 2.1

Method: Three causes

Worked steps

a search for new sources of wealth **B1**; economic and military competition **B1**; a desire to spread Christianity **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain why competition is a distinct cause.

Solution 2.2

Method: Competition

Worked steps

a nation may explore because a rival is exploring **B1**, regardless of what it expects to find **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A single-cause answer fails.

- (a) State what it drops.
- (b) State what it cannot explain.

Solution 2.3

Method: Not one cause

Worked steps

(a) two of the CED's three causes **B1**. (b) why the effort continued through failures **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED's causes include a desire to

A spread Christianity

B end slavery

C found universities

D map the poles

Solution 3.1

Method: Three causes

A spread Christianity



B end slavery

C found universities

D map the poles

Worked steps

A. spreading Christianity.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A nation exploring because a rival is exploring illustrates

A economic and military competition

B the search for wealth

C religious mission

D none of the causes

Solution 3.2

Method: Competition

A economic and military competition



B the search for wealth

C religious mission

D none of the causes

Worked steps

A. competition.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A voyage returns with no wealth and another is funded the following year.

- (a) State which cause this supports.
- (b) Explain the reasoning.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) competition, or religious mission **B1**. (b) the wealth motive alone would predict abandonment after a failed voyage **B1**, so continuing implies a motive that does not depend on the return **B1**.