

1.3 European Exploration in the Americas

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KEY WORDS christianity 基督教 • new sources of wealth 新的财富来源
• causes of exploration 探索的原因

Objective

Build the skills to explain the **causes of exploration** 探索的原因.

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

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ **Three causes**

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

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the three causes the CED gives. [3]

2.2 Explain why competition is a distinct cause. [2]

2.3 A single-cause answer fails.

(a) State what it drops. [1]

(b) State what it cannot explain. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED’s causes include a desire to [1]

- A

B

C

D

A spread Christianity

B end slavery

C found universities

D map the poles

3.2 A nation exploring because a rival is exploring illustrates [1]

- A

B

C

D

A economic and military competition

B the search for wealth

C religious mission

D none of the causes

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

(a) State which cause this supports. [1]

(b) Explain the reasoning. [2]
