

4.2 Exploration: Causes and Events from 1450 to 1750

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **state-supported exploration** 国家支持的探索.

You must be able to:

- explain what 'state-supported' adds to 'exploration'
- state the Portuguese outcome
- state the Spanish outcome
- state the goal of the northern Atlantic crossings

1 Worked examples

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

■ State-supported

New **state-supported** transoceanic maritime exploration occurred in this period. The state pays, so the state's motive is part of the cause — and the voyage's results belong to it.

■ Portugal

Portuguese development of maritime technology and navigational skills led to increased travel to and trade with Africa and Asia and **resulted in the construction of a global trading-post empire**. Posts, not territory.

■ Spain

Spanish sponsorship of the voyages of Columbus and subsequent voyages across the Atlantic and Pacific **dramatically increased European interest in transoceanic travel and trade**. The immediate effect the CED records is on interest.

■ The north

Northern Atlantic crossings were undertaken under **English, French and Dutch** sponsorship, **often with the goal of finding alternative sailing routes to Asia**. The destination sought was Asia; the Americas were what they met.

2 Practice

2.1 Explain what “state-supported” adds. [2]

2.2 State the Portuguese and Spanish outcomes the CED records. [2]

2.3 The northern crossings had a stated goal.

(a) State it and the three sponsors. [2]

(b) State what they met instead. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The Portuguese outcome was a [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** territorial land empire
B global trading-post empire
C settler colony in Asia
D withdrawal from trade

3.2 The CED's immediate recorded effect of the Spanish voyages is on [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** European interest in transoceanic travel and trade
B African agriculture
C Chinese silver
D Ottoman administration

3.3 A voyage funded to reach Asia arrives in the Americas.

(a) State what this shows about intention and outcome. [1]

(b) Explain why the CED still calls the state's goal a cause. [2]
