QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. Briefly discuss the goals and results of the expansion of the (1) Polynesians into the Pacific Ocean, (2) the Malayo-Indonesians, (3) Muslim traders, the (4) Ming expeditions of Zeng He into the Indian Ocean, and (4) the Vikings into the Atlantic Ocean. Which of these do you feel was the most significant? With all its advantages, why didn’t China continue its expeditions?

2. What four general trends did the Iberian (Spain and Portugal) expansion reflect? What were some of the technical developments that aided this expansion? What part did Henry the Navigator, Vasco da Gama, and Christopher Columbus play in the ultimate success of these expeditions?
3. Compare the results of Portuguese exploration on Benin, the Congo, and the East African States; on the Indian Ocean states; and China. What factors might have accounted for the different results. How did some of the various groups or leaders in these areas respond to the arrival of the Portuguese?

4. What were the differences between the trading empire of the Portuguese and the territorial empire established by Spain? Briefly describe Cortés’ successful conquest of the Aztecs and Pizarro’s of the Incas. What were the major factors in their successes?

**TERMS TO KNOW**

- Silk Road
- Zeng He
- Malacca
- Henry the Navigator
- Vasco da Gama
- Ferdinand Magellan
- Columbus
- Caravel
- Magnetic compass
- Astrolabe
- Benin
- Kongo
- Conquistadores
- Hernán Cortés
- Moctezuma
- Aztec
- Francisco Pizarro
- Inca