

Facts to Know

Vasco da Gama	<i>Portuguese explorer who sailed eastward to India</i>
King Manuel	<i>king of Portugal who sponsored expedition to India</i>
Bartholomew Diaz	<i>navigator who discovered the southern tip of Africa</i>
Cape of Good Hope	<i>southern tip of Africa originally named 'Cape of Storms' by Diaz</i>

"Sire, we give you this sword in the name of our king and promise to maintain peace and friendship with you forever."

Vasco da Gama

Vocabulary

1. expedition _____
2. schooner _____
3. soothsayer _____
4. royal standard _____
5. conspiracy _____
6. mutineer _____
7. shoal _____
8. feign _____

Vasco da Gama

Comprehension Questions

1. What was King Manuel's goal in sending da Gama on an exploration voyage?

2. How did da Gama know that there was an end to the continent of Africa?

3. Why is the southeast coast of Africa called Natal?

4. How was da Gama treated in Mozambique and Mombasa?

5. How was da Gama treated in Melinda? Why was he treated differently here?

6. What did da Gama find at the end of his voyage? How did this discovery affect Portugal?

Activities

1. Chart da Gama's eastward route on a map (map on p. 26).

2. Locate on a map: Lisbon, Portugal
(p. 26) Mozambique, Africa
Mombasa, Kenya
Cape of Good Hope, Africa

3. Add to your timeline: 1488 – Bartholomew Diaz rounds the southern tip of Africa
1498 – Vasco da Gama finds eastward route to India