**II. Portugal and Spain**

1. Prince Henry the Navigator

* **Prince Henry –**
* Wanted to help Portugal obtain the riches of Asia

1. Henry’s 3 Goals

1)

2)

3)

**Henry the Navigator?**

* Henry never navigated one ship in his life
* **1419 –**

1. Portugal’s Explorers

* **Fall of Constantinople –**
* **Bartolameu Dias –**
* Wanted to sail to India but ran low on food and supplies

1. Vasco de Gama

* First European to sail to India
* Returned home with ships full of spices, silks, and jewels
* Much faster and safer than overland travel
* In the next decade Portugal set up trading African trading posts

1. Columbus Sails the Ocean Blue

* **1492 –**
* **Enterprise of the Indies –**
* **August 1492 –**
* **October 1492 –**
* **San Salvador –**
* Columbus believed that he had reached India
* Native American population is around 90 million in 1492
* Columbus returns to the “new world” three more times
* Goal to make money
  + Gold, silver, and slaves
* Dies not knowing he discovered a new continent

1. Result of Columbus’s Voyages

* **Columbian Exchange –**
* Unites the global with trade networks of goods and ideas

**3 Main Results**

1)

* Introduction of potatoes vastly changed the diets of poor people living in Europe
* Creates healthier diets that increase life expectancy

2)

* Before the introduction of horse most native tribes were not nomadic

3)

* Native Americans had no immunity to European diseases
* Results in the death of millions of natives (Only 5 million Indians around 1700)
* Destroys entire tribes and cultures
* 75 miles is how far disease usually spread out from European settlement
* Major reason Europeans were successful in taking over North and South America
* Syphilis was the one disease from the Americans that went back to Europe