**Unit 3: Age of Discovery**

**Lesson 4**

1. Introduction
2. Objective: Exploration
3. SOL WHII.4a and b
4. Do Now: Read the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow (on paper):

*“It appears to me that the people are ingenious, and would be good servants and I am of the opinion that they would very readily become Christians as they have no religion. They very quickly learn such words as they are spoken to them.”*

1. Who do you think wrote this excerpt?
2. Who do you think he is writing about?
3. Notable Explorers
4. Vasco da Gama
5. Christopher Columbus
6. Hernan Cortez
7. Francisco Pizarro
8. Ferdinand Magellan
9. Francis Drake
10. Jacques Cartier
11. Why?
12. Glory
13. Gold
14. God
15. Conclusion
16. The expanding economies of European states stimulated increased trade with markets in Asia.
17. In 1453, European nations fronting the Atlantic sought new maritime routes for trade.
18. Factors contributing to the European discovery of lands in the Western Hemisphere include:
19. The establishment of these overseas empires began the decimation of indigenous populations.

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| **Key Terms, Concepts, Events, People, and Places:** |
| Vasco da Gama | Christopher Columbus | San Salvador | Indigenous |
| Hernan Cortez | Conquistadores | Aztec Empire | Francisco Pizarro |
| Peru | Incan Empire | Ferdinand Magellan | Strait of Magellan |
| Circumnavigation | Francis Drake | Jacques Cartier | St. Lawrence River |
| Impetus | Diffusion | Eastern Hemisphere | Western Hemisphere |
| **Questions to Consider:** |
| 1. Why were Europeans interested in discovering new lands and markets?
2. How did the expansion of European empires into the Americas, Africa, and Asia affect religion in those areas?
3. Why did Columbus call the indigenous people of San Salvador “Indians”?
4. What did Columbus think about the natives on San Salvador?
5. What is the difference between an explorer and a conquistador?
6. How were the conquistadores able to subjugate entire nations with only a few hundred soldiers?
7. The explorers of the Age of Discovery were motivated by “Glory, Gold, and God.” Explain.
8. How was Christianity diffused into the New World?
9. What factors contributed to the European discovery of lands in the Western Hemisphere?
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