

# How Portugal Became the First Global Sea Power

Italy was the first European nation to set up a land route to Asia for goods and spices. But it was a slow and expensive journey. Now other European nations wanted to find a water route to Asia and Portugal will be the first to succeed.

**Directions:** Watch the video and complete the following questions.

1. Who was Prince Henry the Navigator? financed expeditions  
Hachner, navigator

2. Name 2 major reasons the Portuguese explored.

profit  
spread Christianity

3. What did each of the following individuals accomplish?

Bartolomeu Dias: sailed to southern tip of Africa (Cape of Good Hope)

Vasco Da Gama: sailed around Africa to Asia (India)

Pedro Cabral: discovered Brazil

Ferdinand Magellan: 1st to circumnavigate the world (sailed for Spain)

4. Explain what each of the following new inventions were and how they worked.

Caravel: a ship w/ triangular sails / had rudder

Astrolabe: plot location - measured altitude of sun + stars

Magnetic Compass: points north

Accurate maps were power