

SHOWDOWN: 15TH CENTURY MARINERS

Directions: your job is to determine who was the most successful 15th-century explore. As a group, read the article on da Gama and Columbus, and as you read, and annotate the article and fill out the accompanying graphic organizer. Once you have collected your information and considered both size, discuss the summary questions as a group and write a short paragraph supporting your position with relevant examples and evidence.

	Vasco da Gama	Christopher Columbus
Motivations/Goals		
Successes/Failures		

SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. What were the key motivating factors for the Age of Exploration?

2. Which 15th century explorer was the most successful? Explain your reasoning.

3. Looking ahead, what major changes occurred as a result of each explorer's discovery?