

Exploration Review

Week 16 • Friday • Show What You Know!

Remember When...

Anchors aweigh — what a voyage this week was! You learned why the Age of Exploration began about 500 years ago: people wanted spices, silk, and gold, and hoped to find sea routes to faraway lands.

You climbed aboard the caravel with its clever triangle sails. You learned the navigator's tools: the compass that points north, the astrolabe that measures the stars, and charts that map the sea.

You even became a navigator yourself, following courses and drawing treasure charts. And you discovered that exploration never ended — today we explore the deep sea and outer space! Now show what you know.

Big Review Questions

1. Why did explorers set sail about 500 years ago?

2. Name two navigation tools and what they did.

3. What are the four main directions?

Fill in the Blanks

voyage compass caravel astrolabe spices navigator

1. A long journey by sea is called a _____.
2. The _____ needle always points north.
3. The _____ was a small, fast exploring ship.
4. The _____ measured the sun and stars.
5. Explorers wanted _____, silk, and gold.
6. The _____ told the captain which way to steer.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ The Age of Exploration began about 500 years ago.
- ☐ A compass points south.
- ☐ Caravels had triangle sails.
- ☐ Charts were maps of the sea.
- ☐ Exploration is completely over today.
- ☐ The sun rises in the east.

Tool Match-Up

Match each tool to its job. Write the letter: A (points north), B (measures stars), C (maps the sea), D (sails the ocean).

Tool	Job (A-D)
Compass	
Astrolabe	
Chart	
Caravel	

My Exploration Scene

Draw your favorite scene from this week: a caravel at sea, a navigator with tools, or your own expedition.



Week Summary

This week you learned:

- Why the Age of Exploration began: spices, silk, gold, and sea routes
- The caravel and its clever triangle sails
- Navigation tools: compass, astrolabe, and charts
- Exploration continues today in the deep sea and space

Next week: What happened when explorers and the people of the Americas met — two worlds coming together, with amazing exchanges and hard times too.

Final Review

I can...	Circle one
Tell why explorers set sail	YES / NOT YET
Name the navigator's tools	YES / NOT YET
Use the four main directions	YES / NOT YET