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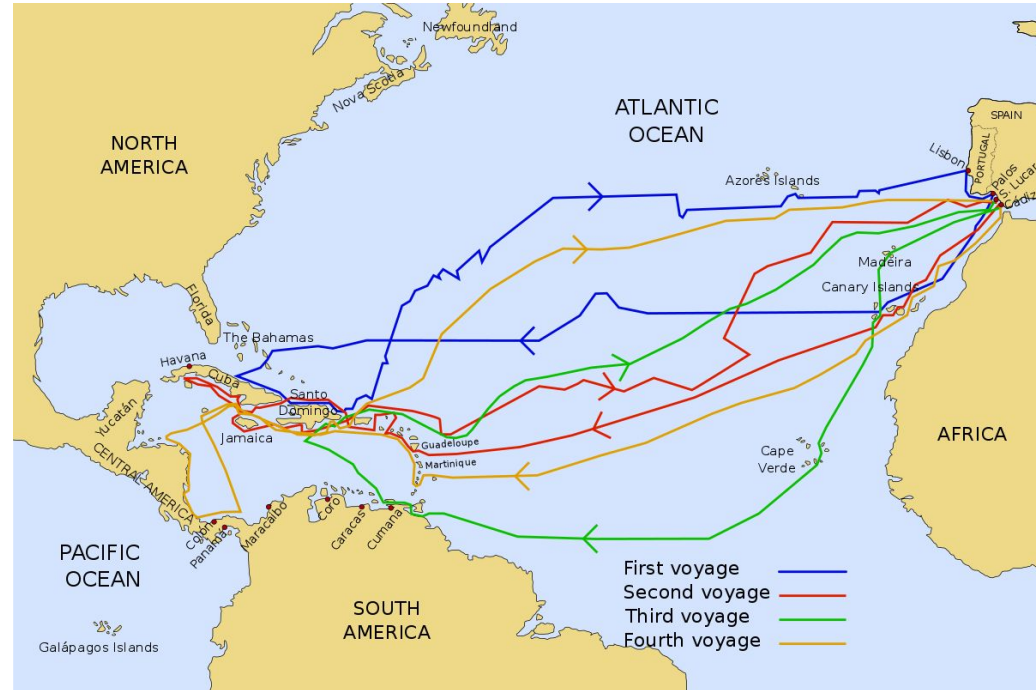
Objective/Learning Target: Analyze the rise and fall of classical civilizations to determine their significance to future societies (God, Gold, Glory).

Warm Up

To the right is a map showing the voyages of Christopher Columbus as he traveled from Europe to Latin America. Some of these trips were nearly 5,000 miles.

What would motivate you to travel that far?

Why do you think explorers left Europe sailing to the south and then went back to Europe on a more northerly route?



Warm up-suggested responses

The motivation for European Explorers could be put into one of three categories: God, Gold, or Glory.

The reason sailors would travel from Europe to Latin America following a southern route and went back from Latin America to Europe on a more northerly route was to follow the ocean currents (think Finding Nemo).



Lesson Activity

Directions: Today you will read a short text, [Colonization: Gold, God and Glory](#), about the reasons explorers left Europe to travel to The Americas.

You will answer the questions to the right of the reading, on a piece of notebook paper.

Key vocabulary words, along with their definitions, are found on slide 7.

Vocabulary

Bountiful-plenty of or more than enough

Moral-a person's value system or beliefs (right or wrong)

The Americas-continents of North and South America

Counter-Reformation-a period of time when Catholics in Europe were trying to convert new believers to Catholicism (believing in Catholic religion)

Convert-switching from one religion to another

Colony-territory established outside the boundaries of a home country, which provides resources and sources of wealth

Cartographer- map maker

Circumnavigate-travel all the way around the world

Reflection

In summary, Europeans explored for the following reasons:

God-Europeans used exploration as a way to spread their religious beliefs (Christianity) to people around the world

Gold-Europeans used exploration as a way to become rich (finding gold was just one of the ways for people to become wealthy)

Glory-Europeans used exploration as a way to become famous and remembered for doing something which had never been done before

Extended Learning

Here are some additional videos to help you deepen your understanding of this topic.

[Early Explorers: God, Gold, Glory](#)

[European Explorers](#)

After watching these videos and completing the reading and questions, who do you think benefited the most from these explorations? Was it the kings and queens, who sponsored the trips, or the explorers?