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# Pre-European Exploration

1. Fill in the blanks on the bottom half of the timeline as we do the powerpoint.

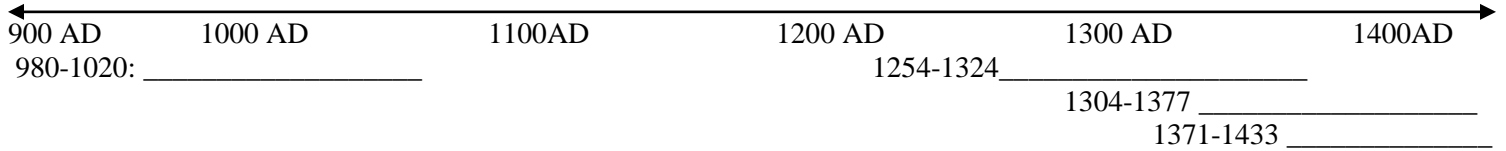
(Abbasid Empire)

(feudalism)

(Crusades)

(Mongols)

(Black Death)



2. Why do you think early explorers explored?

3. Where was each of the following explorers from? Where did each of the following explorers explore?

a. Pytheas

b. Erik the Red

c. Leif Ericson

d. Marco Polo

e. Ibn Battuta

f. Zheng He



4. Why weren't there any early European explorers?

5. What happened that allowed European explorers to become the most powerful explorers?

6. From what we have learned about China, and knowing that China was much more technologically advanced, could China have discovered the Americas before Europe?