

AGE OF EXPLORATION – WORD LIST

- **achieve** = get, reach
- **admire** = to think very highly about someone
- **cattle** = cows that are kept on farms for milk and meat
- **century** = a hundred years
- **cinnamon** = a sweet brown substance that gives cake and other sweet foods a special taste
- **claim** = to take something legally
- **conquer** = to get control of a country by fighting
- **conquistador** = a Spanish explorer who conquered parts of America in the 16th and 17th centuries
- **convinced** = to be sure that something is true
- **crew** = the people who work on a ship or plane
- **cut off** = block, so that nobody can pass through
- **damaged** = broken
- **discover** = to find something for the first time
- **emerge** = to come up
- **empire** = a group of countries that are controlled by a king
- **expand** = to reach from one place to another
- **expedition** = a trip to a dangerous, mostly unknown place
- **explore** = to travel around a place and find out something about it
- **fame** = to be known by many people because you have done something great
- **found** = to start a company or create a new town
- **huge** = very, very big
- **in exchange** = if you give a person something, you get something else from them in return
- **in honour** = to show how much you respect or like somebody
- **jewels** = very valuable stones, like diamonds
- **journey** = trip, expedition
- **mainland** = the main area of land that forms a country, the islands do not belong to it
- **mapmaker** = a person who draws maps
- **mass** = a very large piece of something
- **merchant** = a person who buys and sells goods
- **mouth** = the place where a river flows into the sea
- **narrow** = thin, not wide
- **natives** = people who were born in a country and live there
- **navigator** = a person on a ship who tries to find a route to a place
- **passageway** = a route
- **permanent** = to exist for a long time
- **pilgrim** = a religious person who travels a long way to a holy place
- **population** = the people of a country
- **present** = to show
- **preserve** = to last longer
- **prove** = to show that something is true
- **quadrant** = an instrument used for sailing to find out where you are
- **reach** = get to
- **refrigerator** = a kitchen machine that is used to keep food cool
- **reject** = to say no
- **riches** = a lot of money, gold and silver
- **sailor** = someone who works on a ship
- **set up** = start, open up
- **settlement** = a new town that is built in a place where people have not lived before
- **settler** = a person who lives in a place where not many people have lived before
- **sight** = view
- **silk** = a smooth cloth that is very thin, made by a silkworm
- **Spaniard** = a person from Spain
- **Spice Islands** = islands near Asia that were famous for having many spices
- **spices** = powder or seeds that are used to make food taste better
- **strait** = a narrow passage of water between two areas of land
- **stretch out** = extend, reach out
- **suggest** = to tell somebody what they should do
- **territory** = new land
- **tip** = the end of something
- **trading post** = a place where people could buy or sell goods
- **valuable** = things that cost a lot
- **various** = many different kinds of
- **vast amounts** = a lot of
- **voyage** = a journey by sea
- **wheat** = a grain that you make white bread out of