1400 – 1600

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Age of Exploration timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Da Gama Reaches India**
Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama sails around Africa and reaches India, completing the first sea route from Europe to Asia.

☐ **Balboa Sees the Pacific**
Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crosses Panama and becomes the first European to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas.

☐ **Conquest of the Aztec Empire**
Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes conquers the Aztec Empire in Mexico, claiming it for Spain.

☐ **Columbus Reaches the Americas**
Christopher Columbus, sailing for Spain, crosses the Atlantic and reaches islands in the Caribbean on October 12.

☐ **A Connected World**
European nations have established trade routes and colonies across Africa, Asia, and the Americas, linking the world economy for the first time.

☐ **Dias Rounds Africa**
Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias becomes the first European to sail around the southern tip of Africa.

☐ **Magellan Circumnavigates the Globe**
Ferdinand Magellan's expedition sets sail to circle the world; Magellan is killed in the Philippines, but his crew completes the voyage.

☐ **America Named**
German mapmaker Martin Waldseemuller publishes a map naming the new continents America, after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

☐ **Portugal Pioneers Exploration**
Prince Henry the Navigator of Portugal establishes a school of navigation and funds expeditions down the African coast.

☐ **Conquest of the Inca Empire**
Francisco Pizarro conquers the Inca Empire in South America with a small force of Spanish soldiers.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

1418 — 1. Portugal Pioneers Exploration

1488 — 2. Dias Rounds Africa

1492 — 3. Columbus Reaches the Americas

1498 — 4. Da Gama Reaches India

1507 — 5. America Named

1513 — 6. Balboa Sees the Pacific

1519–22 — 7. Magellan Circumnavigates the Globe

1521 — 8. Conquest of the Aztec Empire

1532 — 9. Conquest of the Inca Empire

~1600 — 10. A Connected World