

Portugal in the Indian Ocean

Review Questions

1. How did Portugal become a global sea power?
2. Why did Portugal send Vasco de Gama to India?
3. How long did it take Vasco de Gama to reach India from Portugal?
4. Why did Vasco de Gama's route go around Africa past Cape Hope? Why not through the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea?
5. What did Vasco de Gama's voyage do for Portugal in regards to trading in the Indian Ocean?
6. What did Vasco de Gama's voyage do for other European powers in regards to trading in the Indian Ocean?