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**DIRECTIONS:** Use your textbook pages 38-42 to fill in the following blanks using the words in this box.

Magnetic Compass

Renaissance

Italian

Trade

Exploration

Africa

Muslims

Asia

Marco Polo

East

### Expanding Horizons

More people become interested in India, china, and the rest of Asia as the story of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ spread and exotic goods from the East appeared in European market places. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_, a period of great intellectual and artistic creativity, encouraged Europeans to pursue new ideas and paved the way for an age of (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Powerful Nations Emerge

During the 1400s, merchants and bankers wanted to expand their businesses by buying goods from the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ directly, without going through the Arab and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ cities. Strong monarchs in Spain, Portugal, England, and France sought ways to increase (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and make their counters stronger.

### Technology's Impact

Technological advances helped prepare the way for European voyages of exploration. They included navigational instruments, such as the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and the astrolabe. These advances helped launch a new era of exploration as powerful countries began searching for sea routes to (8) \_\_\_\_\_.



TURN OVER

## African Kingdoms

Trade of such resources as gold, copper, iron, ore and ivory helped create wealthy, powerful kingdoms in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ south of the Sahara. Many West Africans in Ghana became (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of their contacts with North African traders.

