

In the video posted above, John Green highlights the standard way of viewing world history - compare and contrast. With that in mind, this week's response will focus on comparing and contrasting the mariners portrayed in the video in terms of their countries, goals and discoveries.

Firstly, the Portuguese mariners, led by Vasco da Gama, aimed to establish trade routes with India. They succeeded in discovering a direct sea route from Europe to India, which greatly boosted their economy. On the other hand, the Spanish mariners, led by Christopher Columbus, were searching for a new trade route to Asia but instead discovered the New World. This discovery led to the colonization of the Americas and the start of the transatlantic slave trade.

Secondly, the Dutch mariners, led by Willem Janszoon, were interested in exploring the East Indies and establishing trade routes with Japan. They discovered Australia, which they named New Holland, but did not colonize it. Meanwhile, the English mariners, led by Francis Drake, were also interested in establishing trade routes with Asia. They discovered the Pacific Ocean and claimed California for England.

In conclusion, the mariners portrayed in the video had different countries, goals and discoveries. The Portuguese and Spanish mariners discovered new trade routes, while the Dutch and English mariners were interested in exploring the East Indies. However, all of them played a significant role in shaping world history through their discoveries.