

Christopher Columbus was from Italy, but he sailed for Spain and represented the Catholic Church in his voyages. Zheng He was a Chinese admiral who represented the Ming dynasty and the Chinese empire. Vasco da Gama was a Portuguese explorer who represented Portugal and the Portuguese empire. All three were explorers but they all had different goals, cultures, and achievements such as Columbus discovered the New World, Zheng He established trade relationships with numerous countries, and Vasco da Gama found a sea route to India, establishing Portugal as a major colonial power. Columbus was an Italian explorer who sailed for Spain in the late 15th century. His goal was to find a new route to Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean. Columbus made four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean, and his most significant discovery was the Caribbean islands and the mainland of Central and South America. He is credited with opening up the New World to European exploration and colonization, but his legacy is controversial due to the negative impact of European colonization on the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Zheng He was a Chinese explorer who lived during the Ming dynasty in the early 15th century. He was appointed as admiral of a large fleet of ships and sent on voyages of exploration and trade to Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and East Africa. Zheng He's voyages were intended to demonstrate China's power and prestige, establish diplomatic relations with other countries, and promote trade. He made significant discoveries and established trade relationships with numerous countries, but his voyages

were abruptly stopped after his death, and China withdrew from the world stage. Vasco da Gama was a Portuguese explorer who sailed around the southern tip of Africa to reach India in the late 15th century. His goal was to find a sea route to the valuable spice trade in India, bypassing the Ottoman Empire, which controlled overland routes. Da Gama's discovery of the sea route to India established Portugal as a major colonial power and paved the way for the establishment of a Portuguese empire in Asia. He also established trade relationships with India, including the purchase of spices and other valuable commodities. All three were explorers but as you can see their goals were very different, they had different cultures and achievements but something that they did have in common is they still left a mark in our history and in our world today.