Columbus

Positive:

-Leading Power in Europe.

-Lasting global impact.

Negative:

-Underestimating the size of the oceans and overestimating the size of Asia.

-Thought he sailed to India, but it was actually Indonesia.

-Did not have strong nautical knowledge.

- Only one out of four sailing trips were successful.

-He never found spices and gold.

-He had to lie to get funding for his crusades.

-Columbus was said to be the worse failure in comparison to Zheng and Vasco de Gama.

Zheng

Positive:

-Said to be the greatest Mariner of the 15th century.

-Possessed strong administrative competence over affairs.

-Skilled Sailor.

-First notable figure in the 15th century.

-Known as the greatest Chinese Admiral.

-Rose from humble beginnings into a great Leader.

-Lead seven ships through the Indian Ocean.

-People saw China as the center of the economic universe.

-Foreigners and Ambassadors offer gifts in exchange for trading rights.

Negative:

-His predecessors did not share the same Marti time trade interest.

-The new regime focused on not building ships but the great wall to isolate the Nomads.

Vasco da Gama

Positive:

-Prosperity and stability were attributed to the Muslims in the region.

-Strong nautical knowledge.

-Advantages with creating new maps and navigation of the seas.

-Introduced Europeans to the Indian Ocean Trade network.

-The first leader to make it into the Indian ocean.

-Capturing coastal cities.

-Creating a trading post empire.

-Ships were armed with cannons.

Negative:

-Poor resources, relied on trade for growth.

-Could not create huge colonies because of stronger presiding empires.

-Relied on extortion forcing merchants to purchase a permit to conduct trading.