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Between 1405 and 1433, Zheng led seven voyages throughout the Indian Ocean, which were the expeditions of treasure ships that were enormous. Columbus' first voyage consisted of three ships. Zheng treasure ships were over 400 feet and had 7 or more masts, as opposed to Christopher Columbus's flagship which was less than half the size of Zheng's. In addition, many people were happy to travel back to China with Zheng because they wanted to gain the right to trade with China. Zheng also brought back a zoo's worth of animals, rhinos, zebra, giraffes, and many other exotic animals. Vasco de Gama was the emperor of Portugal. Portugal has a fair bit of coastline; in addition, it was resourced poor which meant that they relied on trade in order to grow. Lastly, the Iberian was the only place in Europe where a vast number of Muslims would be found in the 15th century which meant the Christians' crusading spirit was strong allowing Muslims to bring prosperity and stability to the region. Henry impacted the exploration of Portugal. He searched the path of the Indian Ocean for trade, as opposed to Zheng and Columbus who were already familiar with the passageways. Henry was very helpful to Vasco de Gama because he was one of his people who traveled from Africa to the Indian Ocean as a merchant expressing how he wanted gold and Christians. Due to their well-armed ships and power, they were able to capture and control cities and towns. Merchants who wanted to purchase any good that Portugal controlled had to get a permit called the cartaz. Columbus differs from Zheng and Vasco de Gama because his ideas to Spain was crazy to the leaders and he returned to with no riches, neither spice or gold. Columbus' ship had a largely negative impact on people the Spanish encountered in the Americas.