

5th class. [S.st](#) Ch.12 ques ans.

D. Answer the following questions:-

1. Give two reasons why voyages in the late 15th century were difficult.

Ans. 1 Navigation challenges like no accurate maps or charts existed for most routes.

2. Ships design and risks like caravels were small, storms and scurvy etc.

2. Give two reasons why voyages were undertaken.

Ans. Two reasons of voyages were undertaken:-

1. Kings hoped to find new lands to expand their empires and also obtain more gold, silver and other resources.

2. The kings in Europe wanted to spread Christianity to distant lands.

3. Give a short account of the voyage led by Bartolomeu Dias.

Ans. Bartolomeu Dias' mission was to find a route to Asia via South Africa. He claimed the route for [Portugal. He](#) paved the way for Vasco da Gama.

4. What difficulties were faced by Vasco da Gama on his voyage to India?

Ans. Difficulties faced by Vasco da Gama on his voyage to India:-

1. Round Cape of Good Hope in Brutal storms, ships, battered decks flooded.

2. There are no reliable maps and navigation by sun/stars only.

3. There would be a big shortage of food and water.

4. Expedition costly success hinged on bringing back valuable spices.

5. Why did Columbus call the native 'Indians?'

Ans. Columbus called the native Indian because he never realised to land in Americas(a "New World"). The name "Indians" stuck for native Indian Native Americans, even they were not from India.