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### Zheng He Webquest

**Directions:** Go to [www.missmorrisworldhistory.weebly.com](http://www.missmorrisworldhistory.weebly.com), click the assignment tab, go to chapter 16 and click on webquest (Zheng He Webquest). Answer the questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper and staple to this paper.

a) **Go to the following website:**

[http://wps.pearsoncustom.com/wps/media/objects/2426/2484749/chap\\_assets/documents/doc17\\_4.html](http://wps.pearsoncustom.com/wps/media/objects/2426/2484749/chap_assets/documents/doc17_4.html)

**Read “A Ming Naval Expedition” and answer the analysis questions below (questions 1-5).**

#### **Analysis Questions**

1. How did the Chinese view their overseas expeditions?
2. What is the point of the description of the weather and waves on the high sea?
3. What might be the major contributions of these Chinese voyages to the world?
4. What role was played by the imperial power in China’s overseas expeditions?
5. What was China’s view of itself and the world?

b) **Look at the map on page 513 of your textbook and make a list of all of the countries that Zheng He visited.**

c) **Go to the following website and answer the questions below:**

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0507/feature2/index.html>

6. What does the introduction say in regards to DaGamas’ and Columbus’ fleets as compared to the Ming fleet?
7. Zheng He wasn’t actually Chinese. Where was he from?

d) **Go to the following website and answer the questions below: (You will probably want to wear headphones for this.)**

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0507/feature2/multimedia.html>

Go to “Begin your journey”

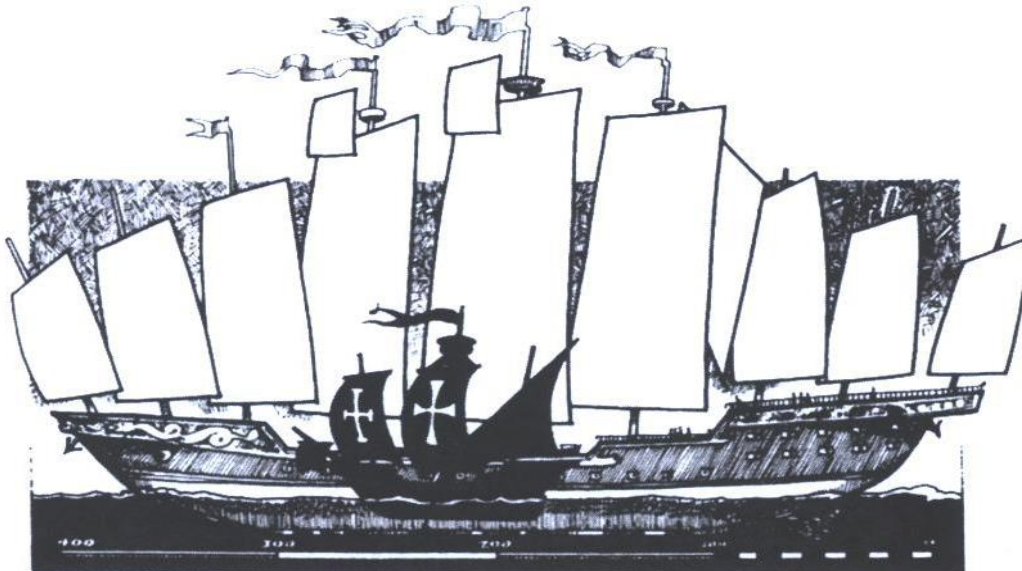
8. What famous explorers that we know did Zheng He precede in his journeys?
9. How many ships did he have? How many soldiers?
10. What was he to bring back to China?
11. What did he note about Thailand? (two things)
12. What did he establish in Sumatra? How did this endure?
13. What sport did Zheng He notice the people of Indonesia loved?
14. What sort of trade items did he pick up from Indonesia?
15. What did he establish in Mulacca? How is this still evident today?
16. What did he leave in India that is still in use today?
17. Why did Zhu Di (the emperor) decide to turn inward rather than continue to trade/explore?
18. What is the legacy of Zheng He in Southeast Asia?
19. He says that the GREATEST legacy of Zheng He was the Chinese “diaspora”. What is meant by this?

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20. Now, you are going to rewrite history. Every textbook includes insets that go further in-depth into a story of history. Your assignment is to create one of these insets about Zheng He. **HOWEVER**, you are going to rewrite history as though Ming Emperors never called Zheng He home to China and the Chinese continued onto explore around the Cape of Good Hope. Look at the image below. The ship in the background is a Ming treasure ship. The ship in the foreground is one of Columbus' ships, which is similar in size/scale to the ships of the Portuguese. For your history rewrite you are to think about/include the following:

- 1) You are to write this as though it truly is a history textbook. It should be 1-2 solid paragraphs. Each paragraph must have an introduction, support and closure sentences. This can be done on a regular piece of lined paper or typed.
- 2) You must include a picture that relates to Zheng He's voyage. This picture somehow depicts what "happened" according to your rewrite of history.
- 3) Your rewrite must reflect the following:
  - a. Politically, what regions of the world might China have conquered instead of Europe?
  - b. Religiously, how might the world be different?
  - c. What might have happened had Zheng He (or a later massive fleet of ships) met Vasco daGama as they were both rounding the Cape of Good Hope? Think about the size/number of ships the Chinese had versus the Portuguese.

[www.middlebury.edu/~scs](http://www.middlebury.edu/~scs)



*Reconstruction of Ming 'treasure ship' compared to Columbus's St. Maria, fifteenth century. (Jan Adkins from Louise E. Levathes, When China Ruled the Seas, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1994.)*