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CONTENT

Fill in the circle before the correct answer.

1. What was a caravel?
 a a group of travelers c a navigational instrument
 b a kind of ship d a tropical disease
2. In the late 1200s what was the most important Chinese product imported to Europe?
 a silk b gold c horses d sandalwood
3. What did Arabian traders cross to reach the kingdom of Songhai?
 a the Great Wall c the Sahara Desert
 b the Himalayas d the Cape of Good Hope
4. The city of Timbuktu was known for its _____.
 a skilled craftworkers c medical doctors
 b gold mines d scholars
5. Why did China's sea explorations stop in the 1500s?
 a The emperor ordered all sailing ships to be destroyed.
 b The Mongols conquered China.
 c Malaria killed many Chinese.
 d China's early attempts at sea travel were failures.

Write the letter of the description that best matches each name.

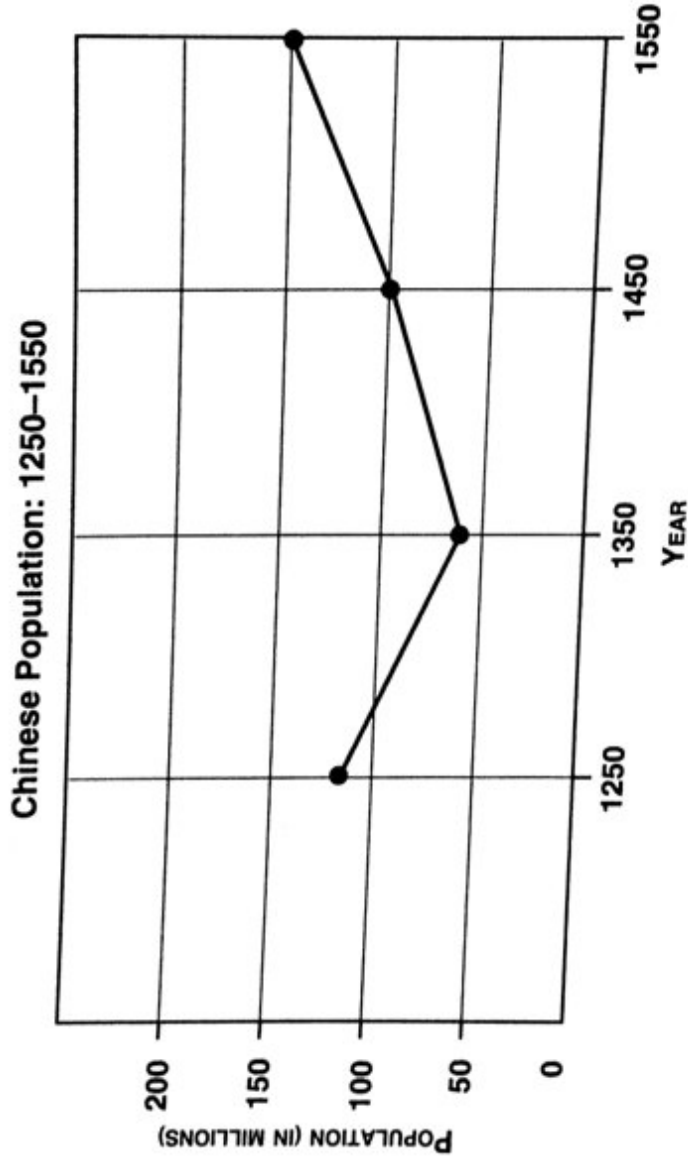
6. _____ Sunni Ali a. one of the first Europeans to reach Asia
7. _____ Johann Gutenberg b. made voyages from China to India, Arabia, and Africa
8. _____ Zheng He c. made great improvements in navigation possible
9. _____ Marco Polo d. ruled the wealthy kingdom of Songhai
10. _____ Prince Henry of Portugal e. invented the printing press

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SKILLS

Use the graph to answer the questions. Write your answers on the lines.



Source: *The Times Atlas of World History*

1. What was the population of China in 1250?

2. What happened to the population of China between 1250 and 1350?

3. What was China's population in 1350?

4. What was the population in 1450?

5. In what year did China have the largest population?

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WRITING

Write a short paragraph to answer each question. If you need more room, continue writing on the back of this page.

1. In the 1400s the Portuguese sailed along the coast of West Africa. Where were they heading and why?

2. Why was the kingdom of Songhai so wealthy in the late 1400s? Tell what resources it controlled and what else it was known for.

