

7.72 Analyze why European countries were motivated to explore including religion, political rivalry, and economic gain

Why did the Europeans explore?

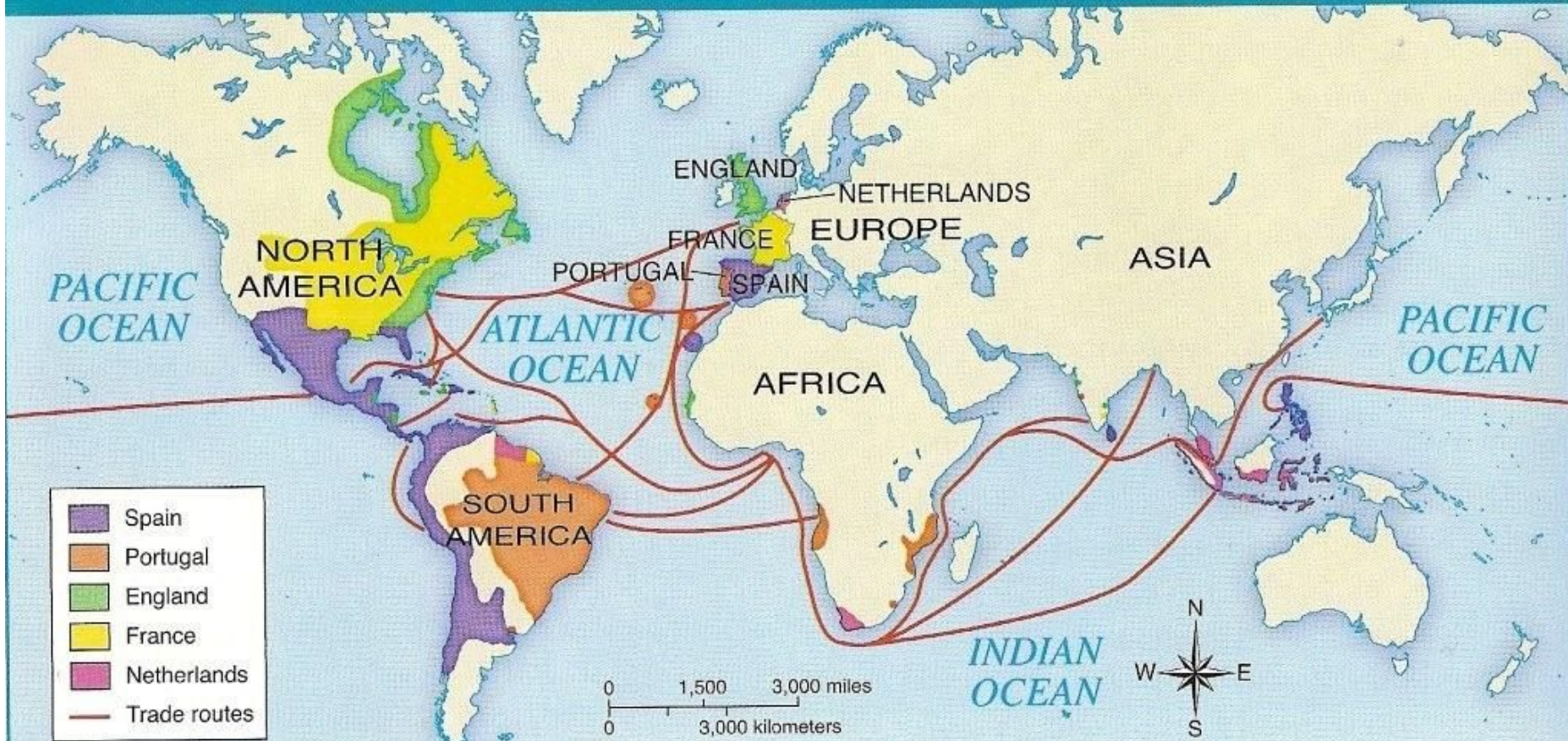
- Three Gs!!
 - God (spread their faith)
 - Gold (acquire resources)
 - Glory (gain land and power)



Three Gs: God

- Convert native peoples (savages) to Christianity
- Spanish wanted to spread Catholicism
- Protestant countries wanted to spread Protestantism

Major European Trade Routes, About 1750



Three Gs: Gold

- Sea route to Asia (spices and luxury goods)
- Precious metals (gold and silver)
- Eventually other resources as well (cotton, sugar, coffee...)



Three Gs: Glory

- Need for land (Europe was full!)
- Competition among nations
- Kingdoms became interested in colonization and expanding their empires

