

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

CLASS : V S.SST(GEOGRAPHY)

ANSWERS TO ASSIGNMENT 2.

1.What do you know about them?

a. Christopher Columbus - Was an [Italian](#) explorer and [colonizer](#) who completed four [voyages across the Atlantic Ocean](#) that opened the [New World](#) for conquest and permanent [European colonization of the Americas](#). His expeditions, sponsored by the [Catholic Monarchs](#) of Spain, were the first European contact with the [Caribbean](#), [Central America](#), and [South America](#).

b.Marco Polo - Was an [Italian](#) merchant, explorer, and writer who travelled through Asia along the [Silk Road](#) between 1271 and 1295. His travels are recorded in *The Travels of Marco Polo* (also known as *Book of the Marvels of the World* and *Il Milione*, c. 1300), a book that described to Europeans the then mysterious culture and inner workings of the Eastern world, including the wealth and great size of the [Mongol Empire](#) and China in the [Yuan Dynasty](#), giving their first comprehensive look into China, India, Japan and other Asian cities and countries.

Though he was not the first European to reach China , Marco Polo was the first to leave a detailed chronicle of his experience. This book inspired [Christopher Columbus](#) and many other travellers. There is substantial literature based on Polo's writings; he also influenced European [cartography](#), leading to the introduction of the [Fra Mauro map](#).

C.VASCO DA GAMA -Explorer Vasco da Gama was born in Sines, Portugal, around 1460. In 1497, he was commissioned by the Portuguese king to find a maritime route to the East. His success in doing so proved to be one of the more instrumental moments in the history of navigation. He subsequently made two other voyages to India, and was appointed as Portuguese viceroy in India in 1524.

D.James Cook –He was an English explorer,navigator and cartographer. He made three voyages to the Pacific ocean, mapping many areas and recording several islands and coastlines on European maps for the first time. He is most notable for the British finding the east coast of Australia, finding the Hawaiian islands and the first mapping of New Foundland and New Zealand During his lifetime, he sailed twice around the world. He crossed the Antartic Circle and found new islands and landscapes in North America and the South Pacific. During his trips, he spent a lot of time on science experiments, and mapping new areas. He also wrote a lot of books about what he found.

e.Ferdinand Magellan – He was a Portuguese explorer. He became the first European to sail the Pacific ocean, and the first to sail around the world. Magellan's voyage proved that the Earth was round. He also discovered a passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean that is today called the Straits of Magellan.

B.Know your world.

1.Central park 2.Caspian sea 3.Nile 4. Mediterranean sea 5.Venice 6.Japan.

C.Know your landforms.

1. Rivers and their importance



**1.Provide us with water 2.Home to wildlife 3.Transport
4.Farming and fishing 5.Energy (hydro-electricity)**



Mountains and their importance

- 1. Source of water**
- 2. Home to flora and fauna**
- 3. Tourist attraction (helps in providing revenue)**
- 4. Provide us with fuels, shelter and products (eg. gum)**
- 5. Influence weather and climate.**