Answer Key

Chapter 4 Study Guide: How and Why Explorers Came to the New World

Age of Exploration-The period of time, beginning in the late 1400’s in which European explorers sought new routes to Asia and discovered the Americas

Artifacts- An object made by a group of humans, such as tools and clothes. Artifacts help us understand the ways of life of the people who made them

New World- the name the Europeans used to refer to the Americas

Astrolabe- circular piece of metal with marks around its edges. It has a bar attached to it. An early scientific tool used to observe and calculate positions of sun and stars- (Sailors used to tell latitude)

Explorer- A person who travels in search of new geographical information

Nation-state- an independent country whose people mostly share a common identity

Archaeologist – a scientist who studies artifacts to learn about past cultures

Compass- tool used by explorers to navigate Atlantic Ocean. Instrument for finding directions by locating north – (Works by earth’s magnetic field)

Claiming Land for Country- Once explorers reached a new land, they planted a flag to claim, or take that land for their country

Religion and European Explorers- Explorers from Europe were Christian. Many carried a bible with them. They wanted to spread their beliefs

Foods from America- corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, squash, tomatoes, pineapples were first grown by Indians

Cash Crop- a crop the is grown in large quantities for sale ex. tobacco

Muslims center of culture and learning- Spain

Wars in Europe after Martin Luther- Protestant and Catholics

Items brought to America- Flag, map, bible, compass, Astrolabe

Items Found in America- tobacco plant, potatoes, gold, coins