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Age of Discovery

Exploring the New World and the Riches of Sea Travel



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When we designed the History Scribe system to help younger children learn about history, families embraced the books and found they were a wonderful supplement to help teach history. The pages could be used in conjunction with all styles of learning, even incorporated into notebooks, lapbooks and other specialized educational plans. However, one thing still worried us. What about the high school student?

So many children are turned off to history in their high school period. We believe it has much to do with dull textbooks, and the need to learn facts, dates and figures. There is little connective 'tissue', so to speak, it's all cut and dry, and frankly, boring. In a teen's world there are so many more important things in their future to worry much about the past. Addressing this problem became a topic of great discussion here at Westvon Publishing. We knew that families enjoy the History Scribe books, yet how to adapt them for an older child was the challenge. We tinkered with sheet layouts, talked about what elements would be important and still exciting and fun for the kids to do. And how a family could match their older children's study into the younger children's study. We think we've come up with the answer in our History Scholar series of books.

Like the History Scribe books, these books are designed to supplement your teaching of history. Yet, older children need more study and research work. If you are using the classical approach of education, your child is reaching the third stage of classical education... the "WHY" stage. We believe it is very important to help your child reason and think about why certain facts and events in history are important. Why do we need to learn about these situations. What can be learned for our own lives? Setting up a foundation of questioning and learning for their lifetime.

The History Scholar books have two pages devoted to each subject. The subjects are the same as the History Scribe books, so a family can be on the same page of learning with all age levels. However, the History Scholar pages are more in-depth, with an area for key points, a mini-biography area, quotation about the topic, mini-timeline to place the subject within the realm of other historical events, an area to record the additional resources explored in the study of this topic and the best part, an essay question related to the topic. Completing the research for each topic will be fun and exciting for your child. (And yes, they get a small area in which to draw if they like, or to find clip art or a diagram about the event, whatever they like!) We believe by placing more emphasis on "research" and "why", your child will have a better grasp of the historical event instead of just dry facts from a textbook. Our test families agree, the old children love the format and how it's not overwhelming, yet is an in-depth look at the historical topic.

Extra writing pages are included in each book, as well as corresponding maps and blank formatted pages in case you wish to highlight any topic not found in the book. All books are printed on heavyweight 24# paper, single sided to prevent bleed through with art media. All historical topics correspond to the companion History Scribe title, so your family can be researching the same event, yet at different levels of involvement. Spiral bound, these books lay flat and are easy to tote along. The PDF books on CD are economical and great for larger families or for those who wish to pick and choose through the topics to match their curriculum style.

We hope that you will find History Scholar an answer to your high school history frustration!

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How to Use History Scholar

A few suggestions to get you and your children started.

The Topic & Subject

These are prepared for you, with some basic information to help serve as a reminder for your student and a foundation to begin their study.

Art Area

If your student likes to draw, it could be an illustration, diagram or study reminder. Use clip art, stickers or magazine cutouts if they wish.

Mini-Bio

Make history more personal by examining an individual from that topic event time period. It might be a specific individual or a fictional character from a historical book or movie.

Resources Utilized

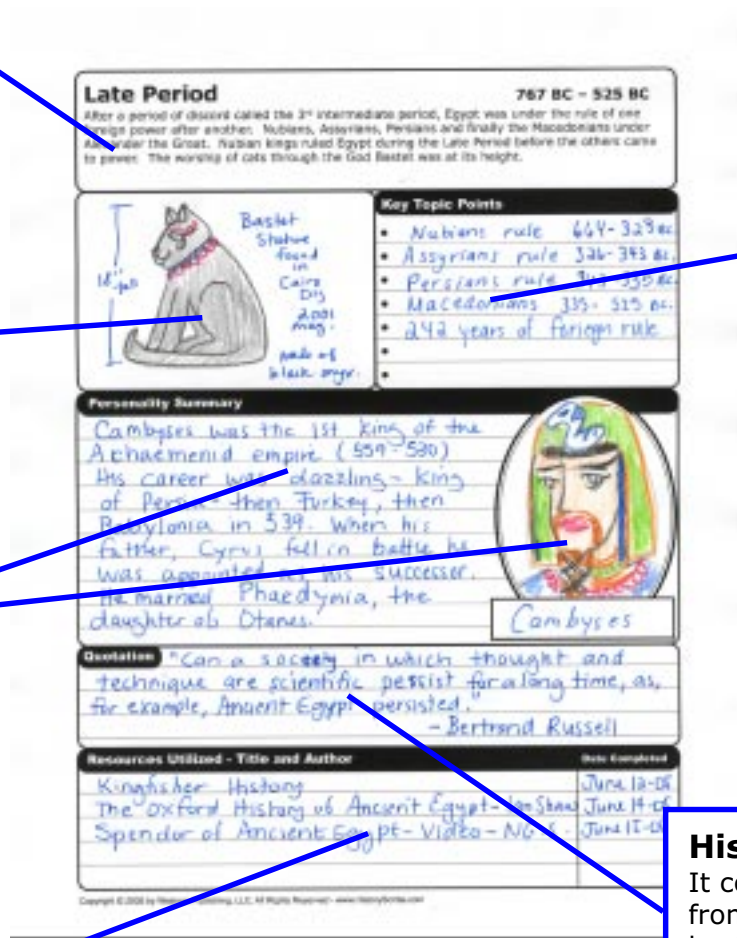
This is a wonderful recordkeeping area for your student and their more advanced studies. By recording the support materials utilized in the research of this historical topic, you will have a record for your evaluation teacher or for your year end reports. Excellent support for high school transcripts or if you needed to qualify the resources used in your home school education.

Key Topic Points

Encourage your student to note a few quick study points about the topic. Encourage your student to use as many lines as needed.

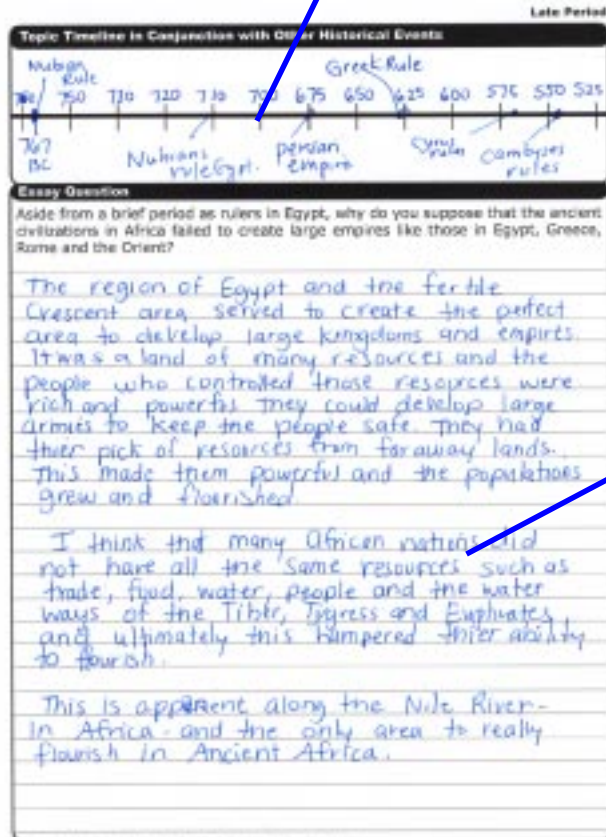
History Quotes

It could be a passage from a history book that best sums up the topic, or a historical quote from a famous person of that time period, or one reflecting on the era. It could also be a Biblical quote where a passage of scripture is important to the topic. Whatever helps the student to make sense of the topic!



Topic Timeline in Conjunction with Other Historical Events

Your student might not have the time to prepare a large timeline and our mini-timeline will give the student a chance to put the subject into relationship with other events. Each page may have a different span of years, so it's a good idea to start with a pencil when working on the mini-timeline.



The Essay Question

Challenging your student to apply the facts and wisdom of history to their own thoughts and viewpoints is perhaps the best part of the History Scholar books.

By asking and answering these questions, your student should be challenged to think and ponder their written answers in conjunction with history and social science. Encourage them to write in a proper grammar format, as higher education demands this and it will be good practice for college and beyond.

Remember, there is NO right or wrong answer to many of the in-depth essay questions. As the parent-teacher, you will need to evaluate the answers on many areas of review; how well the question was addressed, the supporting arguments, grammar and punctuation, as well as the overall writing style. Encourage your student by talking and discussing their thoughts before they start writing!

Also Included in the Book

• Blank Format Pages

If there is a special topic your student would like to cover, the additional pages are a great foundation to continue learning with.

• Maps

Specifically picked to support the region of each History Scholar book, there are several maps included in each book.

• Extras Essay Pages

If your student needs a little more writing room, these pages are formatted in the same style.

• Questions?

Please go to our main website and drop us an email! We'll do our best to respond within 24 hours or sooner!

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Vikings Discover North America

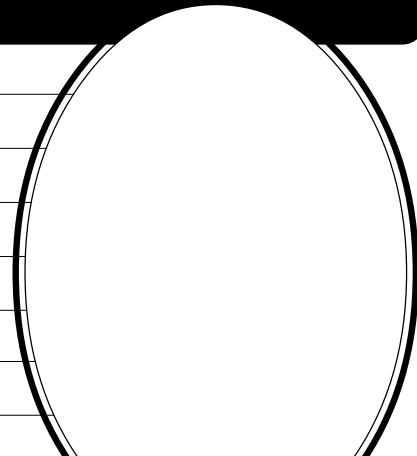
1002 AD

The Vikings were amazing seafarers. It is now known that, under Leif Erikson, they actually made landfall in North America 400 years prior to the European explorers. Their settlement did not last long, however, because the native Americans drove them away. However, this did set the stage for the Age of Discovery and Exploration.

Key Topic Points

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Personality Summary



Quotation

Resources Utilized - Title and Author

Date Completed

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Topic Timeline in Conjunction with Other Historical Events

A horizontal timeline consisting of a solid black line with 12 evenly spaced vertical tick marks extending upwards and downwards from the line. The space above and below the line is blank, intended for students to write historical events corresponding to each tick mark.

Essay Question

Aside from the adventuring tales of looting, exploring and other rugged events in the era of the Vikings, what sorts of nonviolent legacies did the Norse people leave us?

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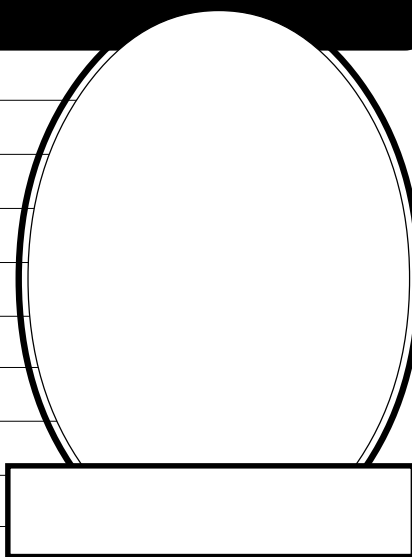
The Silk Road and Marco Polo

More than 6,000 miles long, the trade between China and Medieval Europe stretched from Chang'an to Byzantium through a route called the Silk Road. Marco Polo was an Italian merchant who wrote about his amazing travels along the route from 1271-1295 AD. One could meet Arabs, Indians, Christian and Buddhist monks, and a whole host of people and wares from around the world on this road.

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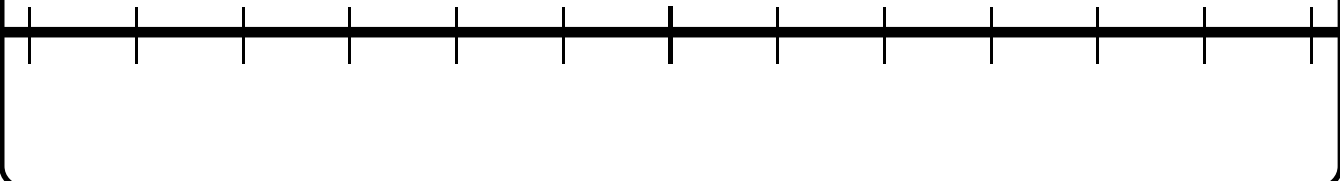


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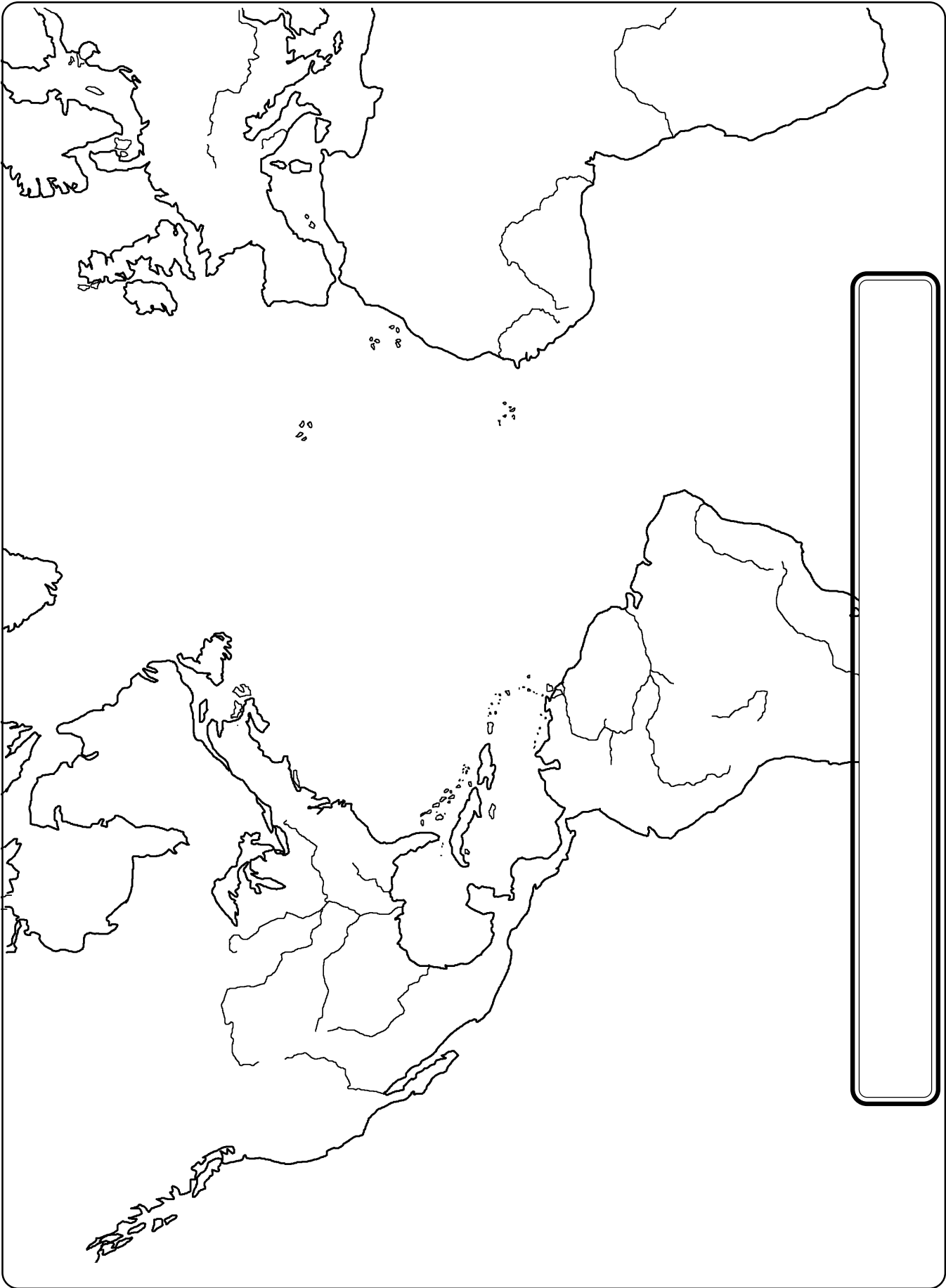
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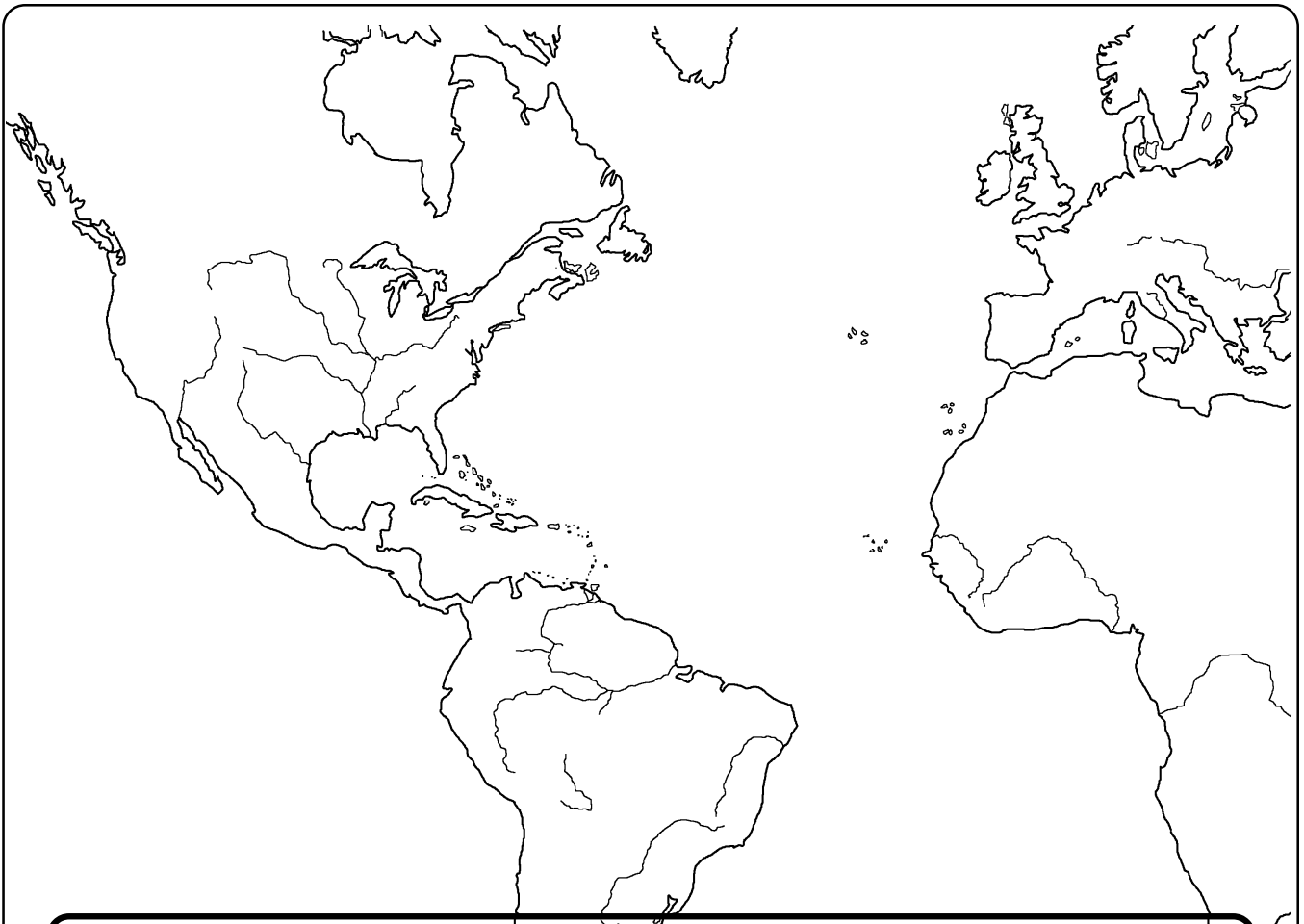
Essay Question

Marco Polo's book was an ancient best seller! Do you feel that he was truthful in the tale, or did he embellish situations to best suit his needs? Explain your thoughts.





The Age of Discovery Map



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A series of ten horizontal lines for writing a narrative or description.

The Age of Discovery Map with Narration Box

A large rectangular area with rounded corners, containing 25 horizontal lines for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page.

A blank page with a rounded rectangular border. The page is divided into two main sections. The upper section is a large, empty rectangular area. The lower section is a writing area, starting with a horizontal rectangular box with rounded ends, followed by a series of horizontal lines for writing.