

## Truths Of The Tide Answer Key

1. Myth - Most educated Europeans already knew the Earth was round.
2. Fact - His crew, under his command, completed the first circumnavigation.
3. Myth - He reached Caribbean islands, not the North American mainland.
4. Fact - Finding faster routes to Asia's riches was a key motive.
5. Myth - GPS didn't exist; explorers used stars, compasses, and maps.
6. Myth - Magellan died in the Philippines; his crew finished the voyage.
7. Fact - This became known as the Columbian Exchange.
8. Fact - He mistook the Caribbean for parts of Asia.
9. Myth - Some people believed this, but most sailors and scholars did not.
10. Fact - Exploration reshaped trade, politics, and culture worldwide.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Builds **critical thinking** and **reading comprehension** by distinguishing between **historical fact and misconception** about the Age of Exploration.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger or struggling readers, review the terms "Fact" and "Myth" before beginning.
  - Allow students to work in pairs and justify their answers using prior lessons or class notes.
  - Challenge advanced students to explain *why* each myth spread or persisted.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Conduct a "Fact or Myth" class quiz game, letting students raise cards or stand for their answers.
  - Use discussion starters like: "Why do you think people believed this myth?"
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Have students research a myth about another explorer and present the true story behind it.
  - Ask students to write a short paragraph explaining how myths can shape our understanding of history.