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Exploration's Echo

Directions: Write a short essay evaluating whether the impact of the Age of Exploration was more **positive** or **negative**. Use at least **two specific examples** from history, such as Columbus's voyages, Magellan's circumnavigation, or the expansion of global trade routes. Support your position with evidence and clear reasoning.

Essay Prompt: The Age of Exploration changed the world forever. Explorers connected continents, opened trade between Europe and Asia, and began centuries of cultural exchange - but also caused conflict, conquest, and colonization. In your response, explain:

- Whether you believe exploration brought more progress or more harm overall.
- Two or more examples that support your view.
- A conclusion that sums up your perspective on exploration's lasting legacy.

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