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Vasco da Gama: The Explorer Who Found a Sea Route to India

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Vasco da Gama born?
 - a) Spain
 - b) India
 - c) Portugal
 - d) Italy

2. What was Vasco da Gama trying to find on his journey?
 - a) A new continent
 - b) A route to India
 - c) A way to sail around the world
 - d) A shortcut to America

3. What made Vasco da Gama's journey difficult?
 - a) They ran out of food and water
 - b) The local rulers did not want to trade
 - c) Many sailors died from scurvy
 - d) All of the above

4. Why was Vasco da Gama's journey important?
 - a) It helped Portugal trade spices directly with India
 - b) It proved the world was flat
 - c) It was the first trip around the world
 - d) It discovered new islands in the Pacific Ocean

5. What happened to Vasco da Gama in 1524?
 - a) He returned to Portugal and retired
 - b) He became the governor of India but died soon after
 - c) He was lost at sea
 - d) He decided to become a farmer