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

Short Answer Key

1. Portugal wanted to trade for spices without paying high prices to Middle Eastern merchants.
2. The Cape of Good Hope is the southern tip of Africa that ships had to sail around to reach India.
3. The local rulers did not trust Vasco da Gama, and trading was difficult.
4. It allowed Portugal to become very rich by controlling the spice trade.
5. Many sailors died from scurvy, and they faced difficulties with local rulers in India.

