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The Age of Exploration: Unveiling the World Beyond

Short Answer Key

1. The fall of Constantinople blocked traditional overland trade routes to Asia, motivating European exploration to find alternative routes.
2. Christopher Columbus's accidental discovery of the Americas opened up new lands for exploration and trade, ultimately reshaping the course of exploration.
3. One significant achievement of Ferdinand Magellan's expedition was being the first to circumnavigate the globe.
4. The Columbian Exchange was the exchange of goods, cultures, and ideas between the Old World and the New World, leading to global changes in agriculture, technology, and culture.
5. The decline of the Age of Exploration occurred in the early 17th century as the most accessible parts of the world had been explored, and exploration transitioned into colonization and trade.

