Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the life and achievements of Prince Henry the Navigator and his impact on exploration during the Age of Discovery.

Materials and Prep

Materials needed: Pen, paper, computer with internet access for research.

Prep: Familiarize yourself with Prince Henry the Navigator's biography and his contributions to exploration.

Activities

- 1. Research Project: Look up information about Prince Henry the Navigator and create a poster highlighting his life and accomplishments.
- 2. Map Exploration: Use a world map to trace the routes of explorers influenced by Prince Henry, such as Vasco da Gama and Christopher Columbus.
- 3. Role Play: Act out a conversation between Prince Henry and one of his sailors discussing their next voyage.

Talking Points

• Prince Henry the Navigator was a Portuguese prince who supported exploration and navigation in the 15th century.

"Prince Henry encouraged sailors to explore new lands and find sea routes to Africa and Asia."

• He established a navigation school in Portugal to train sailors and cartographers.

"Prince Henry's school helped improve navigation techniques and mapmaking."

 Prince Henry sponsored expeditions along the West African coast, leading to the discovery of new trade routes.

"Thanks to Prince Henry's support, explorers found new lands and resources."

• His efforts paved the way for future explorers like Vasco da Gama and Christopher Columbus to reach new continents.

"Prince Henry's vision inspired others to continue exploring the world and expanding knowledge."