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Directions: Read the text, and study the image. Answer the questions.

A long time ago, explorers came to North America from Europe. They came from countries such as England, France, Spain, and Italy. Kings and queens sent the explorers. This time was called the Age of Discovery.



Why did the kings and queens send them?

- They wanted them to discover new lands. They wanted more land for their countries.
- They wanted to find treasure or things that would make them richer. They wanted furs, sugar, gold, and silver.
- They wanted to find a shorter trade route. They bought silk and spices from India and China. The route they used was long and dangerous. It took many months or even years to travel back and forth.

1. Where did the explorers come from during the Age of Discovery?
 - a. from Canada and the United States
 - b. from England, France, Spain, and Italy
 - c. from China, India, and Australia
 - d. from South America, China, and Africa
2. Why did they want to find a shorter trade route?
 - a. The route they used was short and easy.
 - b. The route they used was going to the wrong place.
 - c. The route they used was long and dangerous.
 - d. The route they used was starting to wear out.

