

EXPLORERS IN AFRICA

An explorer is a person who leaves his country to another country or continent to search for information.

Reasons why explorers came to Africa

- To find sources of great rivers.
- To gather geographical information about Africa.
- To find areas of trade.
- To accomplish the work of other explorers.
- To find out how slave trade could be abolished.

Problems faced by explorers in Africa

- Attacks from hostile tribes.
- Attacks from tropical diseases.
- Poor transport network.
- Harsh climate.
- Shortage of supplies.
- Attacks from wild animals.
- Language barrier.

Effects of European explorers in Africa

- Physical features were renamed.
- Africa was opened to the outside world.
- New areas of trade were discovered.
- They gave information to traders and missionaries.

Questions

1. Name the first group of explorers to come to Africa.
2. From which country were the above explorers?
3. Why did the above explorers come to Africa?
4. Name the Portuguese explorer who made the first attempt to find the sea route to India.
5. Name the Portuguese explorer who named Cape Town the Cape of Storms.

6. Why did the above explorer name cape town the cape of storms?
7. Why did king John II rename the cape of storms as cape of good hope?
8. Which Portuguese explorer successfully found the sea route to India?
9. State three problems faced by Portuguese explorers in their search for the sea route to India.
10. Give three contributions of Prince Henry the navigator to exploration work.
11. Why was Africa called a dark continent by the Europeans?
12. Why did Portuguese build forts along the coast of Africa?
13. Name three items of trade the Portuguese wanted from India.