

THE SPICE OF LIFE

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1. What sparked an interest in sea exploration?
2. Choose one invention from the article and explain how sea trade sparked the idea.
3. Why were spices particularly useful for the European diet?
4. How are religious wars related to the need for sea exploration?
5. Other than making spices more available, what other impact did sea exploration have on the world?
6. Which country was a strong participant in developing sea trade routes? Why was that surprising?
7. Explain why the Europeans used salt on butchered meat?
8. What caused spices to become too expensive for most people?
9. Describe the sea route Portuguese explorers took to discover India.
10. **Writing Prompt:** Why is this article called *The Spice of Life*? Use information from the text to support your paper.