

Reading Skill and Strategy

Reading Skill: Summarizing

Summarizing means restating a paragraph, passage, or chapter in fewer words. Study the chart below. Then, complete the chart by writing a sentence or two summarizing the three main sections of Lesson 3. (Notice that each summary statement has been started for you.) Answering the questions below will help you finish this task.

The Age of Exploration
The Portuguese used advances in technology to help . . .
By sailing west across the Atlantic, Columbus . . .
After Columbus' first voyage, several European nations . . .

READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

- ___ 1. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a. The Portuguese explored the Northwest Passage and the Arctic Ocean. Eventually they established trading posts in the Spice Islands.
 - b. The Portuguese explored the west coast of Africa and the Indian Ocean. Eventually they established trading posts in the Spice Islands.
 - c. The Portuguese explored the east coast of North America and the Atlantic Ocean. Eventually they established trading posts in the Spice Islands.
2. What did Christopher Columbus hope to discover on his first voyage? What did he actually find?

3. How did other countries respond to Columbus' voyages? What impact did this have?
