

CHAPTER 15 | LESSON 3 The Age of Exploration

Skillbuilder Practice**Creating a Map**

Creating a map involves representing geographical information in visual form. When you draw a map, it is easiest to use an existing map as a guide. On the map you draw, you can show information on landforms, political boundaries, routes, and such other geographical subjects as climate, population, and natural resources. Below is a map on Portuguese exploration with partial information. Completing this map will help you understand how it was created. (See Skillbuilder Handbook, Page R11.)

QUESTIONS

1. Think of title for this map. Write it in an appropriate location on the map.
2. Locate and label Africa, India, Calicut, Goa, Lisbon, Mombasa, and Mozambique on the map.
3. Locate on the map the lines showing the routes of Portuguese voyages of exploration. Then study the legend. Complete the legend by noting the explorers who undertook these two voyages.
4. Add a compass to your map.
5. How would you summarize the information that is shown on the map you have completed?

