

Reading Skill and Strategy

Reading Skill: Summarizing

As you recall, summarizing involves restating a paragraph, passage, or chapter in fewer words. The Visual Summary below summarizes information on the Scientific Revolution and the Age of Exploration. Use this Visual Summary to help you answer the questions that follow.

READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

- How might you summarize the entries under the heading “History of Scientific Thought?”

- What is the focus of the entries under the heading “The Scientific Revolution?”

- What one word might you use to sum up the information under the heading “The Age of Exploration?”

- Study the entries under the heading “Results of Exploration.” The third entry might be listed under the category “Economic Results.” What categories might the other entries be listed under?

Scientific Revolution and the Age of Exploration

History of Scientific Thought

- Greek ideas about science and math shaped European thought.
- Muslims preserved Greek knowledge.
- Renaissance thinkers developed new ideas.



The Scientific Revolution

- Scientists discovered that Earth is not the center of the universe.
- New ideas must be tested through experiments.
- New inventions led to advances in science and exploration.



The Age of Exploration

- People wanted silks and spices from Asia.
- The Portuguese sailed around Africa to reach Asia.
- Columbus sailed west and located the Americas.



Results of Exploration

- Goods and ideas were exchanged across the Atlantic Ocean.
- European countries competed for colonies.
- Colonization brought changes to the European economy.

