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## Ferdinand Magellan

Aristotle first theorized that the earth was round. Columbus died believing he proved Aristotle correct, but the real confirmation came in the expedition of Ferdinand Magellan, the captain of the first ship to sail completely around the world.

Magellan was a Portuguese sailor who explored Asia. While he was in Asia, Magellan picked up an Asian boy he called Enrique, who he brought back to Portugal. Magellan asked the King of Portugal to finance an expedition around the world. When the king rejected him, Magellan disowned his allegiance to Portugal and offered his services to Spain.



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Magellan left Spain in 1519 with five ships. It took more than fourteen months to find the southern opening to the Pacific Ocean. He found it in the frigid, stormy waters now known as the Strait of Magellan. What Magellan did not count on was the immensity of the Pacific, a body of water larger than all of the land on earth. Magellan expected

Asia to be a few hundred miles past beyond the coast of South America. Instead, the expedition traveled 12,600 miles before reaching land.

The starving sailors arrived the island of Guam after more than six months at sea, and then moved on to the Philippines. While in the Philippines, Magellan discovered that his servant, Enrique, could understand the native language. Magellan realized that Enrique was the first person to have traveled completely around the world.

Magellan had survived eighteen months at sea, but he was killed in battle in the Philippines. A local warrior persuaded Magellan to defeat his rival in battle. Most of Magellan's men considered the battle both pointless and dangerous, so they refused to participate. Magellan was hit with a poison arrow in the battle and died.

One of Magellan's five ships did make it back to Spain, only twelve days less than three years after their journey started. Only one ship and eighteen sailors remained of the 265 men accompanied Magellan.

### Answer in Complete Sentences

1. How did Magellan's sailors prove one of Aristotle's theories?

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\*2. In your opinion, was Magellan Spanish or Portuguese? Defend your answer.

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\*3. Magellan and his crew noticed that the land south of his passageway was so cold, that the native people were forced to huddle over fires. This is why the southern tip of South America is called Tierra del Fuego, or "Land of Fire." Why is Tierra del Fuego the coldest part of South America?

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**Fill in the Blanks**

Aristotle first t\_\_\_\_\_ that the e\_\_\_\_\_ was r\_\_\_\_\_, but he couldn't \*p\_\_\_\_\_ his hypothesis. Christopher C\_\_\_\_\_ believed he did s\_\_\_\_\_ to A\_\_\_\_\_ by traveling w\_\_\_\_\_, but Columbus instead d\_\_\_\_\_ that a c\_\_\_\_\_ stood between the \*w\_\_\_\_\_ coast of Europe and the east coast of \*A\_\_\_\_\_. Aristotle's t\_\_\_\_\_ was not proven correct until \*\*15\_\_\_\_, when an e\_\_\_\_\_ led by Ferdinand M\_\_\_\_\_ returned to \*S\_\_\_\_\_ after \*s\_\_\_\_\_ around the w\_\_\_\_\_.

Magellan left S\_\_\_\_\_ with f\_\_\_\_\_ ships. After sailing more than a \*y\_\_\_\_\_, Magellan's \*s\_\_\_\_\_ found the southern o\_\_\_\_\_ to the P\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. Magellan expected A\_\_\_\_\_ to be only a few h\_\_\_\_\_ miles beyond the c\_\_\_\_\_ of South A\_\_\_\_\_. Instead, his e\_\_\_\_\_ traveled \_\_\_\_\_ miles across a b\_\_\_\_\_ of w\_\_\_\_\_ larger than all the l\_\_\_\_\_ on e\_\_\_\_\_.

Magellan and his s\_\_\_\_\_ were within days of starvation when they reached the i\_\_\_\_\_ of Guam. They sailed on to the Philippine islands, where M\_\_\_\_\_ discovered that his servant, E\_\_\_\_\_, could u\_\_\_\_\_ the n\_\_\_\_\_ language. Enrique was the f\_\_\_\_\_ person to have t\_\_\_\_\_ completely around the w\_\_\_\_\_.

Magellan was k\_\_\_\_\_ in the P\_\_\_\_\_ when a local w\_\_\_\_\_ persuaded him to d\_\_\_\_\_ his r\_\_\_\_\_ in b\_\_\_\_\_. Most of Magellan's men considered the b\_\_\_\_\_ both p\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_, so they r\_\_\_\_\_ to p\_\_\_\_\_. Magellan was \*k\_\_\_\_\_ after being hit with a p\_\_\_\_\_ arrow.

Only o\_\_\_\_ of Magellan's f\_\_\_\_\_ ships returned to S\_\_\_\_\_. Their voyage lasted \*\_\_\_\_\_ days. Only \_\_\_\_\_% of the men who accompanied Magellan survived the trip.

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\*\*This is a trick question. Be careful, and see if you can deduce the right answer.

**Answer in Complete Sentences**

\*44. How did Magellan conclude that he had sailed around the world?

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\*45. Why do you think Magellan might have believed he could win the battle that killed him?

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\*This is a higher order learning question. You will earn credit for any reasonable answer.