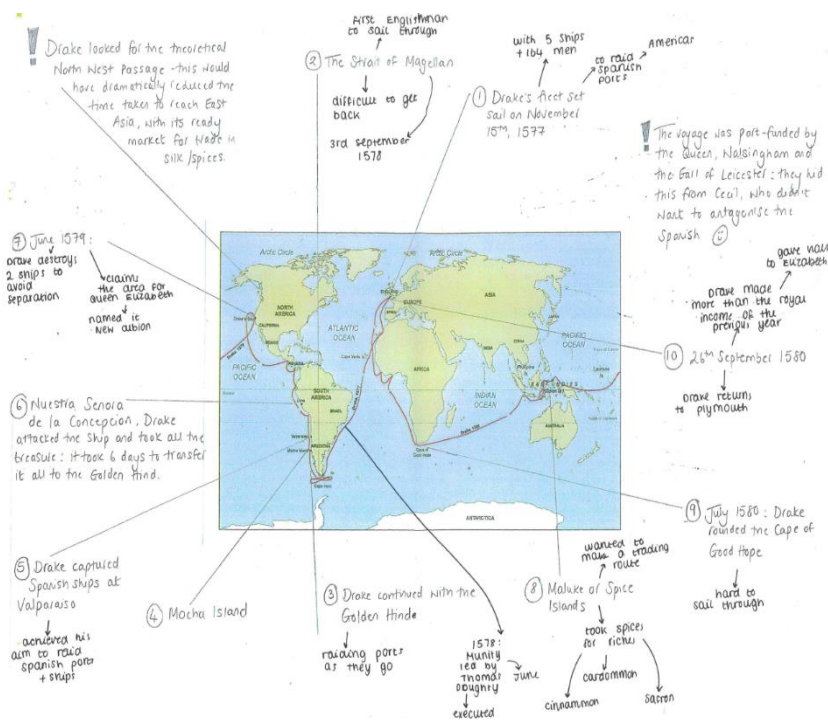


Upper 5 study trade and exploration in the 16th century



Upper 5 have continued their study of Elizabethan England by looking into trade, piracy and exploration in the 16th century. Upper 5 began by looking into what motivated English explorers to make dangerous and often fatal journeys of exploration around the globe. Pupils then examined individual explorers such as John Hawkins, Ralph Fitch and Sir Francis Drake and assessed their own contributions to English trade, navigation and knowledge of the world's geography. This also entailed looking into the spice trade, the sea routes to the East Indies and the Transatlantic slave trade. This topic also helped to contextualise England's place on the international stage during the Tudor period and helped to explain England's successful defence against the Spanish Armada of 1588.

During their final examination, it is possible that Upper 5 will be asked to explain the importance of exploration, Drake's circumnavigation of the globe or of ocean-going trade. Their work on this topic aims to equip them with the knowledge to answer such a question clearly and confidently.

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