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*Problems*: The Italians shipped European armies across the Mediterranean Sea to fight the Muslims but also became the dominant sea power in the Mediterranean. All European nations had to use the Italians to ship their goods across the sea. The Italians and the Muslims became partners in European-Asian trade and the Italians became very rich.

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*Effects****:*** The voyages of Columbus opened the western hemisphere to further exploration by the Spaniards followed by the French, Dutch, Portuguese, and the English.

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