

Worksheet

Answer questions #1-4 based on the [Map of Zheng He's voyages](http://chinapage.org/zhenghe.html) (<http://chinapage.org/zhenghe.html>) and the [Map of SouthEast Asia](http://es.rice.edu/projects/Poli378/Maps/Korea/asia_regional.gif) (http://es.rice.edu/projects/Poli378/Maps/Korea/asia_regional.gif).

1. The Strait of Malacca, through which Zheng He sailed, lies between the southern end of the Malay Peninsula and the island of Sumatra. What two large bodies of water does this strait connect?
2. Zheng He sailed through three seas and a large bay. Name these bodies of water.
3. Which city (cities) in Arabia did Zheng He visit?
4. Columbus's voyage from Spain to the New World in 1492 covered about 5,000 miles. How does this compare to Zheng He's voyage to Arabia?

Answer questions #5 & 6 from [this drawing of two ships](http://chinapage.org/zhenghe.html) (<http://chinapage.org/zhenghe.html>)

5. Compare the two ships in the illustration: describe their physical differences.

6. What conclusions can you draw about the countries that produced these ships?

Answer questions #7-10 based on the Student Reading. [Paul, make link to Reading](#)

7. How many voyages did Zheng He make and when?

8. Describe his fleet.

9. What was the purpose of these voyages?

10. What technology did the Chinese have that Europeans lacked?