Finding Main Ideas

The following questions deal with Europe on the eve of European exploration of the Americas. Answer them in the space provided.

1. How did the general family structure among Europeans differ from those of Native Americans and West Africans?

2. How did the Crusades help to encourage European exploration and expansion?

3. What were the four major nations of Europe by the late 1400s?

4. What was the Renaissance?

5. What role did sailing technology play in overseas exploration?

6. Which country took the lead in overseas exploration? Why?