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## SOCIAL STUDIES YEAR 5 NOTES

### CHAPTER 4.1: WHY DID THE WESTERNERS COME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA?

Westerners from Spain, Portugal, Holland and Britain took over various territories (**colonies**) between the **17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries**.

One of their many colonies was Southeast Asia. Why Southeast Asia? There were two main reasons:

Reasons	Explanation
Exploration	Westerners particularly from Portugal and Spain became knowledgeable in the methods of shipbuilding and exploration.
	They became skilled in building galleons, large sailing ships which could travel across vast oceans.
	With galleons, they explored new territories around the world and eventually discovered Southeast Asia.
Trade	Spices were in demand in Southeast Asia.
	Spices such as <i>nutmeg</i> and <i>clove</i> could only be found in the Moluccas Islands whereas peppers and cinnamon, in other parts of Asia.
	These spices were found to be very useful in cooking so trading spices was very profitable.

#### List of spices you should know:

			
Cardamom	Cinnamon	Clove	Nutmeg
			
Saffron	Star Anise	Peppers	Turmeric