

1. 請比較希臘文化與羅馬文化的成就。(25%)
2. 請說明宗教改革(The Reformation)的原因及其影響。(25%)
3. 請說明「以阿戰爭」的原因、經過與影響。(25%)
4. 英翻中 (25%)

The reasons for Columbus's mistake are as remarkable as his reasons for making the daring four-week voyage into the unknown. About the year 1487, Columbus became convinced that 3,000 miles west of Lisbon, a persistent explorer would discover East Asia. Two major errors underlay this miscalculation. First, Columbus accepted an estimate of the earth's size which was about 20 percent too small: he therefore thought that the continents lay closer together than they really do. Second, he placed too much reliance on the distances between the cities of Asia visited and recorded by Marco Polo. He thought he had covered 16,000 miles (instead of only 7,000), and therefore situated China far further to the east of Venice than it really is. But that placed China far closer to western Europe by sea. So Columbus calculated from these two mistaken concepts—a smaller world plus a larger Asia—that China was only about 4,000 miles away from Lisbon.