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► The Rise of the West, 1500 - 1800

Beginning w Portugal & Spain, & later extending to England, France, & Holland, Western nations would embark on a period of expansion across the world that would ultimately place Western Civilization in a position of world prominence.

3 factors are important in this movement:

① A steady increase in technological sophistication - by 1500 the West ranked among the world's most advanced societies, and by 1650 it had surpassed all rivals. As we have already seen,

2 areas are critical ① shipbuilding & ② gunnery
* Prince Henry's contribution is important here.

- development of the Caravel

- importation of ~~tech~~ navigational devices from Asia

- compass in particular, also astrolabe.

② Economic Motivation - Unfavorable balance of trade with Asia & the Islamic world motivated Europeans to seek new sources of gold, other resources, as well as a route to Asian markets that bypassed the Islamic world.

③ Religious Motivation - Fear of Muslim power and Christianity's missionary spirit inspired