Web Quest: Zheng He

Complete the questions/assignments in each part. Answers should be at least 4-6 sentences in length. Be sure you write your information into your own words: don’t just copy! You have to be able to understand and explain it! Write down all of your answers from Part I and II on the same sheet of paper.

Use the following link to help you answer the questions below. You may need to consult other sources to help you as well.


**Part I**

- **The timeline of the life of Zheng He**
  
  What were the major events in his life? What was his greatest accomplishment?

- **Zheng He’s fleet**
  
  What type of ship did Zheng He use in his fleet? What did they look like? Describe them. How were they alike or different from European ships? How many sailors were with him?

- **How many expeditions did Zheng He lead?**
  
  Where were these expeditions? Take the attached map and draw in the expeditions. Use a different color if there is more than one.

- **Why didn't Zheng He go to Europe?**
What was the Chinese opinion of Europe? Why didn’t his fleet go there?

**Chinese colonies?**

Did the Chinese colonize any of the areas that they visited? Why or why not? What happened in China during the 1500’s that ended the era of Chinese exploration/colonization? Support your answers.

☐ **Find TWO shocking/interesting/ educational facts** not yet discussed/researched in this web quest and explain why you find them to be so. What does it indicate about Zheng He?

**Part II**

*Complete a Venn diagram (you can create your own or use the one attached) comparing Ibn Battuta and Zheng He. Then answer the following question.*

**Between Battuta and He, who should be considered the greatest traveler, why?**