

**Virtual History Teacher**  
**Ferdinand Magellan Test**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Ferdinand Magellan, or, reference the [mrnussbaum.com](http://mrnussbaum.com) online biography, to add the missing pieces.

<b>Question 1: What was the problem between Magellan and the nation of Portugal?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> They didn't like each other.	
Your Response:	

<b>Question 2: What was so difficult about Magellan's journey?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> He had to travel so far.	
Your Response:	

<b>Question 3: Do you think Ferdinand Magellan should get credit for being the first to circumnavigate the world? Why or why not?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> No. He died.	
Your Response:	

Answers:

<b>Question 1: What was the problem between Magellan and the nation of Portugal?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> They didn't like each other.	
<p>Your Response: Ferdinand Magellan had appealed to the King of Portugal to finance his expedition to the Spice Islands, but the King refused. Consequently, Magellan renounced his Portuguese citizenship and offered his services to Spain. In the eyes of Portugal, this was a betrayal, and threat of attack by Portuguese warships during his voyage was great. On the return trip, Portuguese ships captured one of Magellan's remaining ships and forced the other to return to Spain without rest or supplies.</p>	

<b>Question 2: What was so difficult about Magellan's journey?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> He had to travel so far.	
<p>Your Response: Magellan's trip was long, arduous and full of peril. The crew encountered bad weather, terrible storms, shipwrecks, were forced to eat rats among other terrible things, and suffered from starvation, and the dreaded scurvy. In addition, they were attacked by hostile natives, and eventually, by Portuguese warships. Only 18 of the original sailors made it back to Spain alive.</p>	

<b>Question 3: Do you think Ferdinand Magellan should get credit for being the first to circumnavigate the world? Why or why not?</b>	Score:
<b>Student Answer:</b> No. He died.	
<p>Your Response:  Answers vary here. Although Magellan is given credit for making the first circumnavigation, he was killed in the Philippines, about 2/3 of the way around the world. Members of his expedition, in deed, successfully completed the circumnavigation, and because of this, Magellan is often given credit.</p>	