Painting a Picture: Chart Example

| Image Set | Observations | What do you see? | Inferences | What can you infer about the images as they relate to European exploration? |
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| 1 | The first image shows a gold spoon on top of a plate with markings on it.The second image shows a compass in a box. | The spoon and plate might have been the precursor to the compass.A compass can be used to find one’s direction, so explorers used it to navigate the ocean. |
| 2 | The first image shows many gold circles with markings that look like they connect.The second image’s gold circle has a bar in the middle that might point to a specific direction. | Maybe explorers used the device to tell the time of day.Maybe the arrows on the gold circles point to the direction needed to travel. |
| 3 | Both images show two similar wedge-shaped objects; one is gold, and one is wooden.Both objects have markings that look mathematical or scientific. | The wedge-shaped objects look like they would be used for measuring angles, such as in geometry or in a scientific subject.Maybe explorers used them to calculate distance. |
| 4 | The images show two large ships; both are wooden and have big white sails.The first image’s ship has triangular sails. | Explorers used the ships to cross the ocean.The sails harnessed the power of the wind currents over the ocean to help explorers travel more quickly and adjust their direction of travel. |