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1421 Criteria Worksheet

Directions: Watch the two video segments on the voyage of Zheng He. Then, use the 1421 Criteria handout to evaluate whether or not the evidence presented supports Gavin Menzies's claim that the Chinese had the naval capabilities for global exploration and built a large fleet for that purpose.

Source or Evidence	List by letter(s) the criteria you are using below:	Provide reasons why you feel the source/evidence is valid or is not valid.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of Admiral Zheng He of the Ming Dynasty 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gavin Menzies states that early European explorers already had maps of the Caribbean prior to their expeditions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese naval capabilities in the early 15th century Yang Bin, historian Information from Zheng Guoxin, historian, Zheng He Society 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Port of Tachung (Ship building port) The old rudder (artifact) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical document read by Professor Xu Gongsheng, Fuzhou University 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the Chinese fleet Opinion of Professor Xi Longfei, Wuhan University 		