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EXPLOITS RULEBOOK







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The Age of Sail (1571 - 1862) was an era of great upheaval and unprecedented connection between the distant regions of the world. Sailing ships connected ports from all around the globe. Conquest, commerce, allegiances, warfare, and ideology sped across the oceans at a rate never before known. These few centuries are full to bursting with events that changed the course of history for whole civilizations. With these Exploits you'll get a chance to weave some of these stories together in a way that preserves all of the gameplay of the original Endeavor, but brings the story of the era to life in a new immersive way.

WHAT ARE EXPLOITS?

Exploits are the most dramatic addition to *Endeavor: Age of Sail*. Each Exploit describes an event or enterprise that occurred during the historical Age of Sail, and is connected to two of the regions in the game. Each Exploit begins the game dormant, but when both of its regions are opened, the Exploit becomes active for players invested in those regions.

In each game you'll play with three random (or selected) Exploits; this variability creates amazing replayability, adds deep thematic flavor to the game, and drives player motivations in interesting ways that the game has never seen before.

This rulebook provides instructions on setup, gameplay and scoring for Exploits, and also provides detailed descriptions of each Exploit.

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Exploits are **not** recommended for your first game or two of Endeavor: Age of Sail. It is much better to be familiar with the game before trying them out, but once you play with them, you'll never go back!

EXPLOIT COMPONENTS



6 EXPLOIT KEYS

The Keys are used to indicate when an Exploit has been triggered due to both of its regions opening up.



15 EXPLOIT SHIELDS

Each player has 3 Shields. Players use their Shields to mark the Exploits that they are allowed to interact with and score from.











COMPONENTS FOR SPECIFIC EXPLOITS

6 IMPROVED CANNONS Saltpeter Stockpiles



1 PIR ATE SHIP
Republic of Pirates



9 BLOCKADE TOKENS Imperialism



10 FORTIFICATIONS

Spanish Main & The Dutch East India Company



5 MISSIONARIES *Iesuit Missionaries*



5 SHARE TOKENS The South Sea Company



8 GALLEON TOKENS Manila Galleons



5 FREEDOM TOKENS The Underground Railroad



8 TRANSIT TOKENS The Transit of Venus



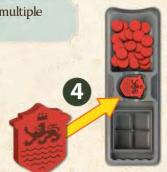
EXPLOIT SETUP

Conduct all of the normal setup for the game as described in the Main Rulebook. You might want to perform the Exploit Setup immediately before players choose their start buildings, in case the Exploits influence their decision there.

- 1 Exploit Tiles. Shuffle the 15 Exploit tiles face down, and draw 3 random Exploits for this game. Alternately, you may choose the Exploits you wish to play with using any method you like. Place the three Exploits together near the game board, and return all of the unused ones to the box.
- 2 Exploit Setup. Check each Exploit to see if there are any additional setup criteria, and/or any components specific to that Exploit that you need to place on the Exploit or on the board.
- 3 Keys. Each Exploit displays two region crests. For each of the six crests, place one Key on (*or near*) the matching region's Governor card.

Some regions may end up with multiple Keys or no Keys; this is normal!

4 Shields. Each player's player tray has a spot in it for their 3 Shields. Players should keep them there for now, Shields only come into play later once Exploits are activated.





HOW EXPLOITS ACTIVATE

Exploits, like regions, are closed at the beginning of the game. During play, when a region is opened up and its Governor card is awarded, if there are any Keys on that Governor card, place them on the matching crests on the Exploit tiles.

When both of an Exploit's crests have Keys on them (which means that both of the regions it is related to are open), that Exploit is activated, and it becomes available for interaction!

Each player with presence in **both** of the Exploit's regions should place one of their **Shields** from their supply onto the Exploit. This indicates that the player is entitled to interact with the Exploit's abilities, and is eligible to score from the Exploit's endgame scoring criteria.

If a player later on gains presence in both of those regions for the first time, that player should add one of their Shields to the Exploit.

Likewise if a player somehow loses all presence in an Exploit's region, they lose access to that Exploit and must remove their Shield.

- A For example, when North America opens up, any Keys on its Governor card are placed on any Exploit that displays a North America Crest; in this case, The Spanish Main gets the one Key.
- (B) Later on when South America opens up, any Keys on its Governor card are distributed; in this case, The Transit of Venus gets one, and The Spanish Main gets one. Since both of The Spanish Main's crests now have Keys on them, the Spanish Main now becomes active!
- Each player with presence in both North America and South America places one of their Shields on the Exploit, indicating that they can use it; in this case, Red and Yellow each place a Shield.



INTERACTING WITH EXPLOITS

Any player with a Shield on the Exploit may now use their normal actions (*by activating buildings or spending Action tokens*) to interact with the Exploit's unique mechanisms. Every Exploit provides new and different opportunities which are described on the tile itself.

Each Exploit shows which action types will activate its described abilities. When you use an action (*whether from a building or from a blue token*) to activate an Exploit ability, you do not perform the usual process normally associated with that action, but instead perform the ability described on the tile. Every ability is fully explained on the tile.



Some Exploit abilities permit you to *spend* specific Trade tokens. To *spend* a *token*, you must actually have the physical token on your player mat. (*It must* be an actual Trade token of the correct type, not some other proxy such as a Transit token, Freedom token, or disc acting as a token.) then you must discard it from the game and adjust the related attribute track accordingly.



Some Exploit abilities permit you to gain discs from your supply to your Harbor. If you run out of discs in your supply, you may not gain any.

Each Exploit has an end-of-game Scoring opportunity as well as in-game abilities. During Scoring, Exploits should be scored first, before any other scoring is tallied. Only players with a Shield on an Exploit may be involved in the special scoring criteria for that Exploit.

The first three rows on the Score pad are for the Exploits. Score each Exploit separately and write in the name of the Exploit you are scoring.



For example, Red and Yellow may now use their actions to activate the abilities on The Spanish Main Exploit.

The Spanish Main's first ability is activated by an Attack action. Red could activate it on her turn by activating a building or spending an Action token with an Attack action.



When she does so, she may choose (instead of taking a normal Attack action), to trigger the Attack-activated ability on the Exploit, and follow its instructions.





At the end of the game, each Exploit is evaluated for its scoring criteria. In the case of The Spanish Main, Red and Yellow will each earn extra Glory for each city they've fortified in North and South America.

EXPLOIT DETAILS AND CLARIFICATIONS

❷ SALTPETER STOCKPILES



Endgame Scoring: Gain 1 Glory for each Improved Cannon you own. If you have at least 1 Improved Cannon, gain 1 Glory for each Attack symbol on your buildings and on any leftover Action tokens.

Regions to Unlock: North America and India

Setup: Place the six Improved Cannon markers on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Attack action): Perform an Attack action according to all of the normal rules. If you don't already have a disc on this Exploit tile, you may place your casualty from the Attack on it. If you do already have one on the tile, you may discard that disc as your casualty.



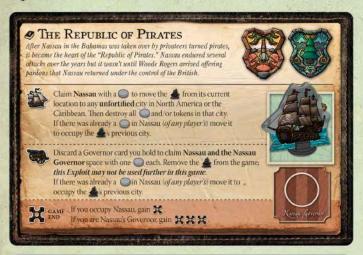
Ability 2 (Draw action): Spend an Industry Trade token from your player mat to take one Improved Cannon marker from this tile (*if any remain*), and keep it in your Harbor until you use it. You may gain multiple Improved Cannons over the course of the game.



Treat an Improved Cannon like a disc that may only activate a building featuring an Attack action; place it on the building you wish to activate.

- If the activated building permits you a choice of action other than Attack, you may choose the other action type instead of the Attack.
- Resolve the activated building exactly as if it had been activated with a normal disc; Improved Cannons can trigger normal actions and Exploit abilities.
- Improved Cannons automatically return to your Harbor during the Salary phase without using any Payments.
 They may never be refreshed by any other means.

❷ THE REPUBLIC OF PIRATES



Endgame Scoring: Gain 1 Glory if you occupy the Nassau space on this Exploit. Gain an additional 3 Glory if you also occupy the Nassau Governor space on this Exploit,

Regions to Unlock: The Caribbean and North America

Setup: Place the Pirate standee on the Exploit's Nassau space.

Ability 1 (Ship action): Claim the Nassau space on this Exploit by placing a disc from your Harbor there; if there is already another disc (of any player's) in Nassau, move it into the Pirate's current city. Then move the Pirate from its current location to any unfortified city in North America or the Caribbean; any disc in that city is returned to its owners' supply, and any token in that city is discarded.

Ability 2 (Attack action): Discard a Governor card from your player mat. Place one disc from your Harbor in the Nassau space; if there is already another disc (of any player's) in Nassau, move it into the Pirate's current city, and remove the Pirate from the game. Then place one disc from your Harbor in the Nassau Governor space.

Once the Nassau Governor space is claimed, this Exploit may not be used any more in this game (except for endgame scoring).

Imperialism



Endgame Scoring: Gain 1 Glory for each link you control that leads to at least one city in India and/or the Far East. Gain 1 Glory for each Blockade token in your Harbor.

Regions to Unlock: The Far East and India.

Setup: Place one Blockade token on each link that leads to at least one city in the Far East and/or India, covering the Trade token on the link. (*Players may freely peek at the covered tokens during play.*)



While a **Blockade** is on a link, that link (*and the Trade token on it*) may not be claimed, gained, controlled, or used in any way, including by the effects of other Exploits.

Persistent Rule: Once this Exploit is active, Attacking a city in India or the Far East does not cost the attacker a casualty if the attacker controls a city connected to the targeted city by a link with no Blockade token on it.

Ability 1 (Ship action): Ship to the open sea of either the Far East or India, then immediately perform a normal Attack action in the same region.

Ability 2 (Attack action): Claim one Blockade token from a link, and keep it in your Harbor. If there is a Trade token beneath it, also gain that token. You may gain multiple Blockades over the course of the game.

THE SPANISH MAIN



Endgame Scoring: For each fortified city that you control in North America or South America, score 1 Glory for each Glory symbol displayed on the city (either 1 or 2 Glory).

Regions to Unlock: North America and South America.

Setup: Place 8 Fortification tokens on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Attack action): Fortify one city that you already control in either North America or South America.



When you Fortify a city, place a Fortitification token from the Exploit underneath your disc in that city. Anyone performing an Attack against your fortified city must suffer 2 casualties instead of the usual 1. When a fortified city is Attacked, return the Fortification to the Exploit tile.

Ability 2 (Ship action): Perform one immediate Payment action for each fortified city you currently control in North America and/or South America. Each player may trigger this ability a maximum of once per round.

THE DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY



Endgame Scoring: If you control Cape Town and it is fortified, gain 1 Glory for every 4 Build Level symbols on your buildings. (For example a Theatre has 3 Build Level symbols on it.) If you control Batavia and it is fortified, gain 1 Glory for every Ship symbol on your buildings and on any leftover Action tokens.



Earn Glory as displayed on spaces you occupy on the map. Earn 1 Glory if you occupy both spaces on either end of a link with a Glory symbol.

Regions to Unlock: The Far East and Africa.

Setup: Place two Fortification tokens on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Draw action): Return one unoccupied building from your player mat back to the supply, then choose a building from the supply to replace it. The new building may be from any Build Level up to one level higher than the returned building. You may spend an Industry Trade token from your mat to increase that limit to two levels higher than the returned building.

Ability 2 (Occupy action): Occupy Batavia or Cape Town on the Exploit tile by placing a disc from your Harbor there. The city you are occupying must be currently unoccupied.

Batavia counts as a normal city in the Far East and Cape Town counts as a normal city in Africa for all game purposes, including other Exploits.

Ability 3 (Attack action): Perform a normal Attack on Batavia or Cape Town if it is occupied by an opponent, or Fortify Batavia or Cape Town if you control it.



When you Fortify a city, place a Fortitification token from the Exploit underneath your disc in that city. Anyone performing an Attack against your fortified city must suffer 2 casualties instead of the usual 1. When a fortified city is Attacked, return the Fortification to the Exploit tile.

9 JESUIT MISSIONARIES



Endgame Scoring: Gain 1 Glory for each city you control that has a Missionary in it.

Regions to Unlock: South America and India.

Setup: Place the five Missionary tokens on the Exploit's token pad.



Ability 1 (Ship action): Spend 1 Influence Trade token from your player mat to move a Missionary token from this Exploit tile (*if any remain*) to any unoccupied city (*even in a region that has not been opened or in which you have no presence*). Then immediately Occupy that city with a disc from your Harbor, (*even if that region has not been opened or if you have no presence there*), gaining the token from there.

Once all five Missionary tokens from this tile are on the board, this ability may no longer be activated.

Ability 2 (Occupy action): Move any Missionary token from its current location (anywhere including on this Exploit) to any city you control.



Then you may spend a Culture Trade token from your player mat to gain 2 discs from your supply into your Harbor.



A city with a Missionary in it may never be Attacked. When moving a Missionary "to" a city, place it close enough that there is no confusion about which city the Missionary is "in".

THE SOUTH SEA COMPANY



Endgame Scoring: Gain 2 Glory for every disc of yours on this Exploit tile.

Regions to Unlock: South America and the Caribbean.

Setup: Place the five Share tokens on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Ship action): Beginning at the START and proceeding along the path, place 1 disc from your Harbor in the next space on the Investment Track. If there is a Share symbol in the space, the player owning the disc in the space indicated by the arrow takes the Share token of their choice from this Exploit. (The player may look through the remaining tokens to find the one they want.)

When you gain a Share, you may immediately discard it from the game to gain the bonus on the **top** half of the token, **or** you may **keep** it to benefit from the ongoing advantage on the **bottom** half of the token. (*Once you decide to keep a Share for its bottom advantage you may not later discard it for its top bonus.)*

If the final space on the Investment Track is ever filled, "the bubble bursts". All discs on the Exploit are returned to their owners' supply. All Share tokens held by players are discarded from the game and those players lose the advantages granted by the tokens.

Once the bubble bursts, this Exploit may no longer be interacted with. Scoring at Game End will be zero, since all discs were removed from the tile.



MANILA GALLEONS



Endgame Scoring: Gain 2 Glory for each Galleon token you hold.

Regions to Unlock: The Far East and North America

Setup: Place 1 disc from each player's supply into *Manila* on this Exploit, and place the 8 Galleon tokens on this Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Ship action): Move 1 of your discs from Manila or from the open sea in any region to the open sea of any other open region.



If you moved from the Far East (*or Manila*) to North America, gain 1 Galleon token from this tile (*if any remain*) to your Harbor. You may gain multiple Galleon tokens over the course of the game.



If you moved from North America (or Manila) to the Far East, you may swap up to 2 Trade tokens of any type from your player mat with the same number of Trade tokens from anywhere on the game boad (even regions that are not open or where you have no presence).

During the Salary phase (after you have paid your workers based on your Salary Level), you may flip each of your Galleon tokens to the side of your choice and take the action each token permits.



Pay 1 worker following normal Payment rules.



Gain 1 disc from your supply to your Harbor.

A Galleon token is **not** consumed when you use it; it will activate in every Salary phase after you've gained it.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



Endgame Scoring: If Slavery was abolished (*by any method during the game*) and you have at least 1 disc on the Underground Railroad map, gain 1 Glory for every 2 discs on your buildings and in your Harbor combined. (*For example if you have 5 discs, gain 2 Glory.*)



Earn Glory as displayed on spaces you occupy on the map. Earn 1 Glory if you occupy both spaces on either end of a link with a Glory symbol. Regions to Unlock: Africa and North America.

Setup: Place the five Freedom tokens on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Draw action): Discard the top card of the Slavery deck from the game (the Draw Value of the discarded card is irrelevant). Then gain 2 discs from your supply to your Harbor. If there are no cards on the Slavery deck, this ability may no longer be activated.

Ability 2 (Occupy action): Beginning at the START and proceeding along the path, place 1 disc from your Harbor on the next space of the Underground Railroad map, then take the Freedom token of your choice from this Exploit and gain its benefit. (You may look through the remaining tokens to find the one you want.)

You may only use this ability if you meet the attribute threshold displayed on the space your disc goes into. (For example you must have an Industry score of 7 or more to go in the first space of the Underground Railroad.)



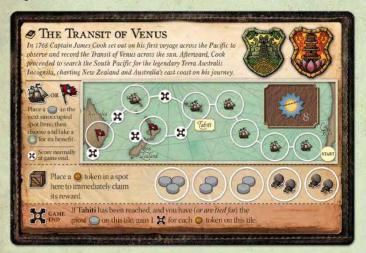




Freedom tokens are like Attribute Trade tokens; when you gain one, place it at the base of the relevant track and gain 1 in that attribute score.

Immediately when the final space on the Underground Railroad is filled, Slavery is Abolished (*if it hasn't already been by other means*), following all the normal rules described in the rulebook.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS



Endgame Scoring: If Tahiti has been reached (*by any player*), and you have (*or are tied for*) the most discs on the South Pacific map, gain 1 Glory for each Wealth token on the Financier track.



Earn Glory as displayed on spaces you occupy on the map. Earn 1 Glory if you occupy both spaces on either end of a link with a Glory symbol. Regions to Unlock: South America and the Far East.

Setup: Place the eight Transit tokens on the Exploit's token pad.

Ability 1 (Ship or Occupy action as indicated on the map): Beginning at START and continuing along the path, place a disc from your Harbor in the next unoccupied space on the South Pacific map, then take the Transit token of your choice from this Exploit and gain its benefit. (You may look through the remaining tokens to find the one you want.) The triggering action (Ship or Occupy) is based on the symbol in the space your disc goes into.

The path branches after Tahiti; once Tahiti has been reached you may choose to go to New Zealand or towards Australia in whatever order you like.



Transit tokens displaying attributes are like Attribute Trade tokens; when you gain one, place it at the base of the relevant track and gain 1 in that attribute score. Transit tokens displaying Glory are kept in your Harbor and score 1 Glory each at the end of the game.

Ability 2 (Draw action): Place a Wealth Trade token from your player mat in an unclaimed spot of your choice on the Financier track. Immediately gain the benefit shown in that spot.



Gain 3 discs from your supply to your Harbor.



Gain 2 discs from your supply to your Harbor.



Immediately perform 2 Payment actions.

THE SUN NEVER SETS



Endgame Scoring: If you have at least one disc on this Exploit tile, Score Glory based on the number of different regions (*not Europe*) where you control at least one city. The chart shows how much Glory to gain, for example if you control cities from 3 different regions, you would gain 2 Glory.

Regions to Unlock: India and the Caribbean.

Setup: n/a

Ability 1 (Ship action): Place one disc from your Harbor on the Exploit's map, then you may immediately perform an Occupy action in any open region (even if you don't have presence there), or perform a Ship action in any region.

Each of your discs on this Exploit count as 1 additional presence in any region towards drawing cards only.

THE SPICE TRADE



Endgame Scoring: If you have at least one disc in the open sea zone of Africa, gain 1 Glory for each of your own discs on Africa's shipping track. Follow the same scoring process for India and for the Far East.

Regions to Unlock: Africa and India.

Setup: n/a

Ability 1 (Ship action): Place a disc from your Harbor into the open sea of Africa, India, or the Far East, then immediately draw the top card from that region's deck, if you meet the Draw Value of that card.

Ability 2 (Ship action): Remove any number of your own discs from the open sea zones of Africa, India and/or the Far East, and place those discs at the base of your Finance and/or Influence tracks (*distributed however you like*) as if they were Attribute tokens of that type.

Each disc you place at the base of a track increases that track's score by 1.

@ GLOBALISATION



Endgame Scoring: Score Glory based on the number of different regions (*not Europe or Slavery*) from which you hold Asset cards. Governor cards do count. The chart shows how much Glory to gain, for example if you hold cards from 5 different regions, you would gain 6 Glory.

Regions to Unlock: The Far East and The Caribbean.

Setup: n/a

Ability 1 (Attack action): Perform a normal Attack in any open region where you have presence (not Europe), then immediately draw the top card from that region's deck, if you meet the Draw Value of that card.

Ability 2 (Ship action): Swap a card you hold with any card of the same Draw Value (or lower) in any region deck (not Europe or Slavery).



During this swap you may spend an Influence Trade token to swap for a card of 1 higher Draw Value than the card you return.

Physically transpose the two cards. The card you place in the deck may later be drawn normally, using the presence of **the region it is in** to determine whether a player is able to draw it. The card still counts as its displayed region type even though it is in a different deck.

 Although you may not swap into the Europe or Slavery decks with this ability, the card you return into a region deck may be a Europe or Slavery card.

For example, you might swap your India 4 card with the Africa 3 card. You get the Africa 3 card, and your India 4 card goes into the Africa deck exactly where the Africa 3 card was. If that card eventually becomes exposed as the top card in the deck, a player may Draw it as normal based on their presence in Africa.

❷ LETTERS OF MARQUE



Endgame Scoring: Score all six shipping tracks separately; ties for first or second place are broken in favor of the tied player who has a disc on the shipping track closest to the deck. If you are the only player with discs on the track, gain 3 Glory. If you are the first-place player (but there is at least one other player on the track), gain 2 Glory. If you are the second-place player, gain 1 Glory.

Regions to Unlock: South America and Africa.

Setup: n/a

Ability 1 (Attack action): Push an opponent's disc from any shipping track into the open sea of that region, and place a disc from your Harbor into the vacated space on the shipping track.

If the opponent you pushed out has not yet passed in this round, you may "steal" 1 Attribute token of your choice from that player's mat. (*That player must reduce their attribute score to account for the lost token; you keep the token as if you'd gained it normally and must raise your attribute score to account for the gained token.*).

Changes made to the discs on a shipping track after that region's Governor has been awarded do not affect the ownership of the Governor card.

Ability 2 (Ship action): Return any number of your discs from any open sea zones (anywhere on the game board) to your Harbor.

THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION



Endgame Scoring: Scoring for this Exploit depends on whether "the Haitian Republic has been formed." The Haitian Republic has been formed if there are at least 10 symbols (any combination of Industry, Culture, Wealth, influence, and Glory) on the cards stacked on this Exploit, or if the Abolition of Slavery happened during the game. If the Haitian Republic has not been formed, this Exploit scores nothing. If the Haitian Republic has been formed, score as follows:

Each Asset card you hold from any **non-Slavery** deck earns you 1 Glory for **each** card **of the same type** stacked on this Exploit. (For example, if you hold 2 India cards and there are 3 India cards stacked here, you earn 6 Glory.)

Each Slavery card you hold loses you 1 Glory for each Slavery card stacked on this Exploit.

Regions to Unlock: Africa and the Caribbean

Setup: n/a

Ability 1 (Occupy action): Take the top card off any deck (*ignoring the Draw Value of the card and even if you have no presence in the region*) and stack it on this Exploit,. Then take an immediate normal Draw action, following normal rules..

- Placing the Value 5 Europe card here will not trigger Abolition of Slavery.
- Placing a Value 1 card here from a region will not earn you its bonus disc.

Ability 2 (Attack action): Take any non-Slavery card from this Exploit, ignoring its Draw Value.

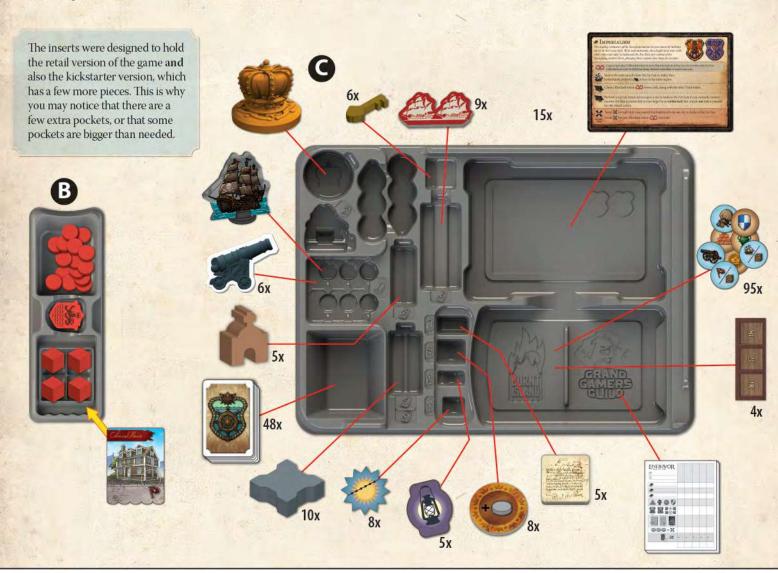
- Taking the Value 5 Europe card from here will trigger Abolition of Slavery.
- Taking a Value 1 card here from a region will earn you its bonus disc.

STORAGE

Endeavor: Age of Sail comes with amazing custom inserts that help organize the game when you're playing it, and when you're not.

- A The building tray. All of the buildings stay neatly organized between games. Make sure to put them away in the correct slots and the tray will be ready to play next time you open the box!
- B Player trays. Each of the five player trays holds the 35 discs, 3 Shields, 4 cubes, and start building tile for that player; everything a player needs in one place!
- **G** The base tray. All of the components shown go into their respective slots.





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