How did Vasco da Gama’s voyages to India impact Portuguese and Indian relations and perspectives?

Vasco da Gama impacted Portuguese and Indian relations and perspectives by:

1. His unflattering first impression he gave off in India
2. Asserting Portuguese superiority and intentions to regions he visited in India
3. Introducing Christianity to the areas

Background

Vasco da Gama impacted the whole world and took one step closer to connecting it. Europe needed a way to trade for precious spices and goods from India. The Middle East was the only way for Europe to obtain these goods and they charged unaffordable prices for them. Da Gama discovered a sea route in 1497 from Europe to India, essentially bypassing the monopoly the middle east had on eastern goods.