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

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The reason why I chose this topic is because we all know about Vasco da Gama being the first person to find a sea route from Europe to India, but I wanted to dig deeper into how much of an impact this venture had and in what ways. I wanted to learn more about how Portuguese perspectives on India were influenced by the findings and actions of Vasco da Gama.

While considering one perspective, the Portuguese perspective, I also thought it was important to take into account India’s perspective too. Da Gama, a foreign person representing a foreign nation they never heard of, claiming to be a high noble ambassador to his king, definitely influenced their way of thinking towards the Portuguese. I think it's important to take a step back and look at both sides as a whole to accurately come up with claims about the reality of what occurred during this time.

With my research, I found that da Gama impacted Portuguese and Indian relations and perspectives specifically by one, his unflattering first impression he gave off in India, by two asserting Portuguese superiority and intentions to regions he visited in India, and three by introducing Christianity to the areas he visited while on his voyages.