

Europe's Age of Exploration



Video:

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Seeking A Passage to the East

- ▶ Trade in silk, spices and teas was big business in Europe.
- ▶ The Ottoman Empire controlled most of the trade routes and were not always friendly to foreigners.
- ▶ Finding passage by sea became very important.

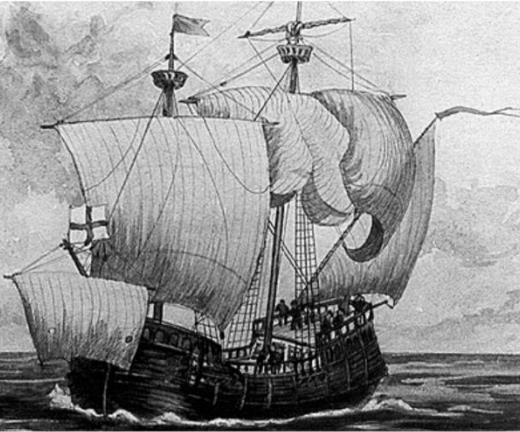




“In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue.”

Christopher Columbus

John Cabot (Giovanni Cabotto)



- ▶ An Italian sailor hired by King Henry VII and given a Letters Patent to acquire new territory.
- ▶ Was convinced that the North Sea had a passage to Asia.



Mighty Vikings

Erik Thorvalson (Erik the Red) – Discovered Greenland during his exile.

Leif Erikson – Believed to be the 1st European to land in North America (year 1000), landed in Labrador and Newfoundland.



Freydis Eriksdotter – Female explorer set up a colony in L'Anse aux Meadows.

Vocabulary

- ▶ **Colonize**: to settle and control new lands eg. England colonized North America.
 - ▶ **Imperialism**: Political policy to control a region or nation.
 - ▶ **Monopoly**: complete control of a good or service.
 - ▶ **Heathen**: anyone non-Christian
 - ▶ **Infidel**: a “non-believer”, not Christian
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