



The World Pre-Exploration



15th Century construction of the world by Ptolemy, a Roman mathematician



Europe on the Eve of Exploration

When Columbus sailed from Spain in 1492, he was leaving behind a Europe that was just recovering from significant issues



Warfare

- England and France over areas of N. France
- 1337 1453: HundredYears' War caused loss of pop. and \$





Disease

Bubonic Plague



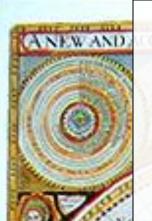
Impact of the Bubonic Plague



Europe had fewer workers

...what might this leave Europeans plotting as their next move?

→ More reliance on new technologies



Labor-saving techniques in almost all industries:
 Farmers chose only the most



 Farmers chose only the most fertile land to grow

 Metalworkers built larger furnaces and relied on waterpower, where they once relied on human labor

- Shipbuilders placed mechanisms on ships that could be controlled by smaller crews

- All these things also helped to stimulate the economy, (however that wealth was unevenly distributed) so Europe was doing well economically in the 1500s

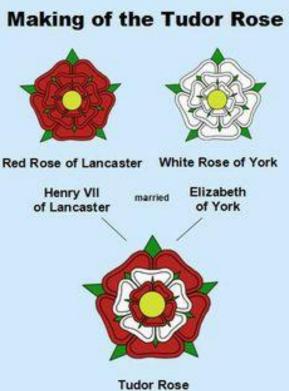


Consolidation of Political Power

- At the end of the 15th century, some stability returned to the countries who were looking to become involved in exploration:
 - Ferdinand & Isabella united Aragon and Castile → Expelled Muslims for religious purity
 - Tudor family in power after the War of the Roses; Henry VIII conquered Ireland
 - Louis XI of France marries Margaret of Scotland for peace



Nobody... huh... nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition...





| | Catholics | Protestants |
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| Pope | Heads of C.C. – considered the Vicar of Christ | No human is infallible and Jesus/God/Holy Spirit leads church |
| Church membership | "Humanity must discover its unity and salvation" saved", regardless of church membership | |
| Saints | Prayed to in addition to Holy Trinity | Acknowledged, but not prayed to |
| Celibacy of Leaders | Priests & Nuns are celibate | Priests/Pastors can marry |
| Scripture | Tradition & Bible | Bible |
| Interpretation | Only the Pope can interpret | Individual interpretation of Bible scripture |
| Confession of sins | To God through Priests | To God through Jesus |



- Western Europeans had been united by the Catholic Church for more than a thousand years
- The Protestant Reformation introduced a challenge to the powerful Catholic Church



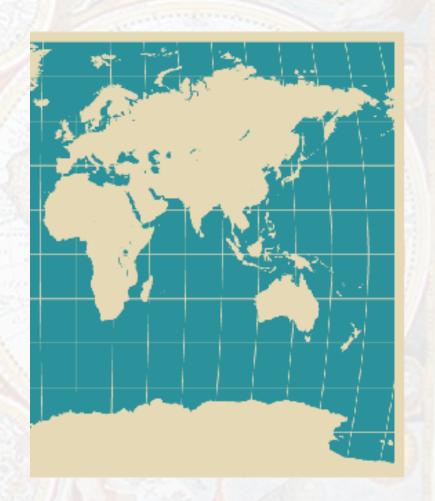
Reasons for Exploration

Remember the three "G"s

God

Gold

Glory





Advances in Navigation

-The Caravel

-Narrow shape and steering rudder made it better for ocean travel

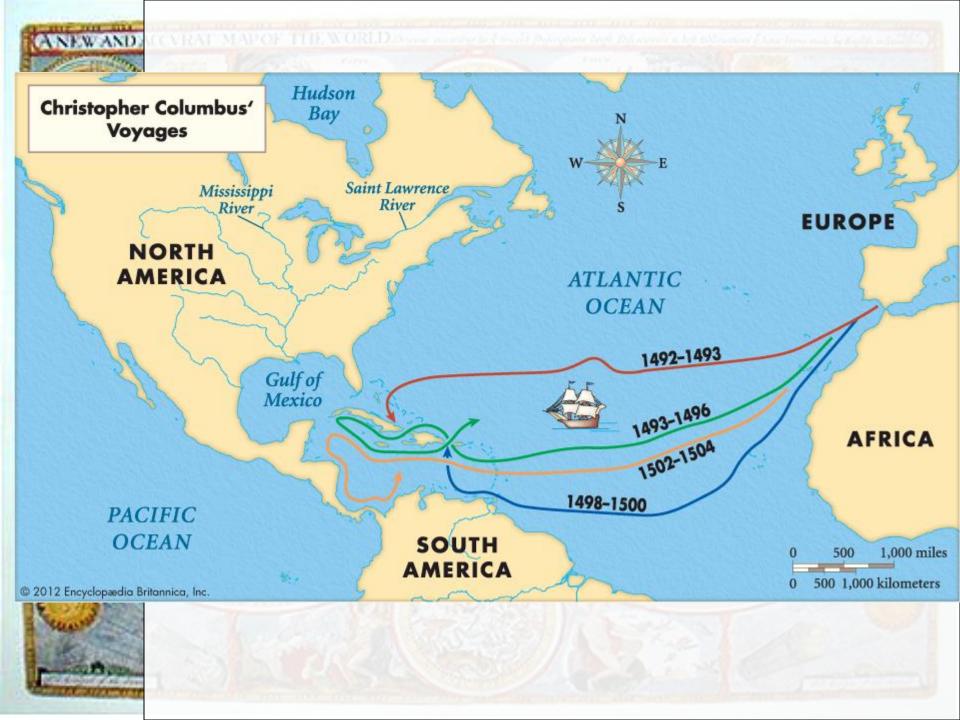
-Combination of square sails with triangular sales which increased maneuverability

The Magnetic Compass

-The Astrolabe

-Introduced to Europe by Muslims from Spain

-Allowed mariners to determine their position in relation to a star's known location in the sky





Spain as Conquerors

- Spanish were in a great position to conquer new lands
- Spanish established new outposts on Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica
- In 1513, Spanish ventured onto the N. American mainland
 - Ponce de Leon Florida
 - Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and claimed the Pacific Ocean for Spain





The Aztec and Inca

The Aztec

- Located in what is now central Mexico
 - Hernan Cortes
- Remember Montezuma, smallpox, guns & horses?

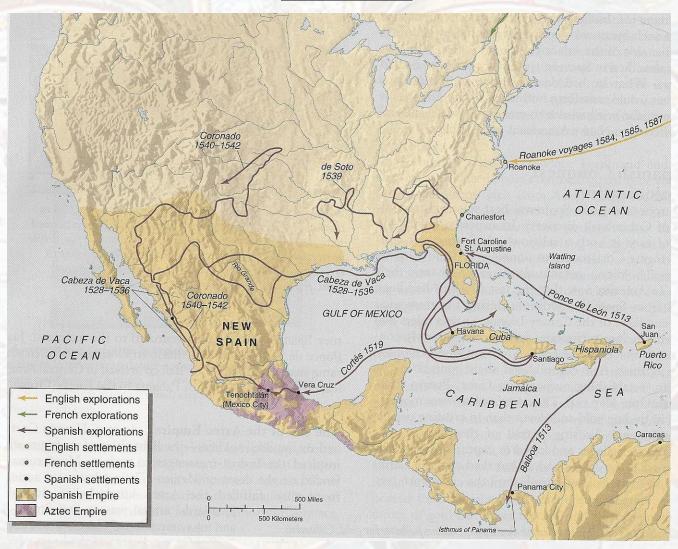
The Inca

- Located in the Peruvian
 Andes
 - Francisco Pizarro
- Remember he used the ongoing civil war with the two sons; holding one ransom and then still had him killed?

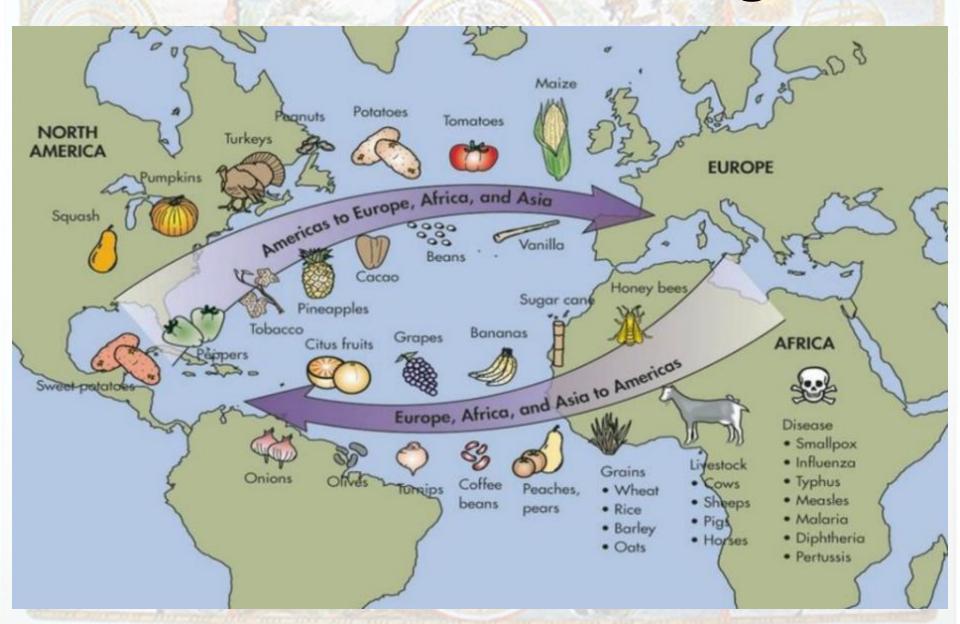




Spanish Explorers move further North



The Columbian Exchange



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| | Old World to New World | New World to Old World |
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| Diseases | Smallpox, Measles, Chicken Pox Malaria, Yellow Fever, Influenza, The Common Cold | Syphilis |
| Animals | Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Sheep Goats, Chickens | Turkeys, Llamas, Alpacas, Guinea Pigs |
| Plants | Rice Wheat Barley Oats Coffee Sugarcane Bananas Melons Olives Dandelions Daisies Clover Ragweed Kentucky Bluegrass | Corn (Maize) Potatoes (White & Sweet Varieties) Beans (Snap, Kidney, & Lima Varieties) Tobacco Peanuts Squash Peppers Tomatoes Pumpkins Pineapples Cacao (Source of Chocolate) Chicle (Source of Chewing Gum) Papayas Guavas Avocados |

The Casta System

- -Peninsulares: Spanish living in the New World
- -Creoles: children of Peninsulares born in New World
- -Mulattos: children of Europeans & African slaves
- -Mestizos: children of Europeans & natives
- -Encomienda: labor system under which natives

worked for Spanish:

- -Early system of slave labor
- -Usually overworked and often abused





Spain's Economic Decline



- 1500 1650: an
 estimated 181 tons of gold
 & 16,000 tons of silver
 were shipped from the
 New World to Spain
 - Made Spain the wealthiest nation in Europe
- Influx of all this gold and silver will have long term consequences for Spain:
 - Inflation → cost of goods rise
 - Aristocracy suffered as well as lower classes



Exploration "Issues"/ Cultural Confusion

- New goods/materials
- Religion
- Roles of men and women







French Explorations

- France didn't get into the exploration game until:
 - Giovanni da Verrazano 1524 (SC to Maine)
 - Jacques Cartier 1530s and 1540s



Permanent
 settlement in Canada
 commissioned in
 1541



English Attempts in the New World

- John Cabot: 1497 Canada (Eastern portion)
- Religious conflict at home caused delay in exploration:
 - Henry VIII (Protestant) to Mary Tudor (Catholic) then Elizabeth (Protestant) for 40 years
 - Elizabeth saw colonization as a way to defeat Catholic domination











- Elizabeth I authorized expeditions to search for the Northwest Passage to Asia (Frobisher)
- She also allowed privateers to raid Spanish ships and new world ports for gold and silver (Sir Francis Drake most famous)



English Attempts in the New World



-Sheep change England's landscape → unemployment → pushed emigration -Sir Humphrey Gilbert failed to get to Newfoundland





- 1585: Raleigh sent
 men to build a
 settlement on
 Roanoke Island off the
 coast of the Carolinas
- 1st settlement failed, but had some positive impacts
- 2nd attempt in 1587