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Europeans Explore Overseas



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Understand the major causes of European exploration.
- Analyze early Portuguese and Spanish explorations and expansion.
- Describe how the Portuguese established footholds on Africa's coasts.
- Describe European searches for a direct route to Asia.

**Causes for Exploration

Trade with Asia was important & demand grew. The main sources of spices came from the Moluccas

Europeans wanted to lower trading costs & seek out a new route to Asia





Portugal Explores the Sea

Prince Henry of Portugal (known as Henry the Navigator) decided to explore the seas

Under his rule, Portugal mapped Africa & hoped to convert those there to Christianity & find sources of gold

He also wanted to find a sea route around Africa to avoid trade in the middle east

Cartographers- Mapmakers & other experts who prepared maps & ships for voyages

Africa & India

Eventually sailors found a trade route through the Cape of Good Hope

Eventually the Portuguese took control of the African coast line to control trade

Vasco da Gama found a route around Africa to the coast of India

Soon a major trading empire was established making Portugal a world power



Columbus

Christopher Columbus- Italian navigator who sought an easier route to Asia.

Believed the world was much smaller than previously thought, persuaded Portugal for some boats

Eventually he landed in the Caribbean, thought it was India, called people "Indians"

It was there that he sought gold to no avail, but showed the world there was new land

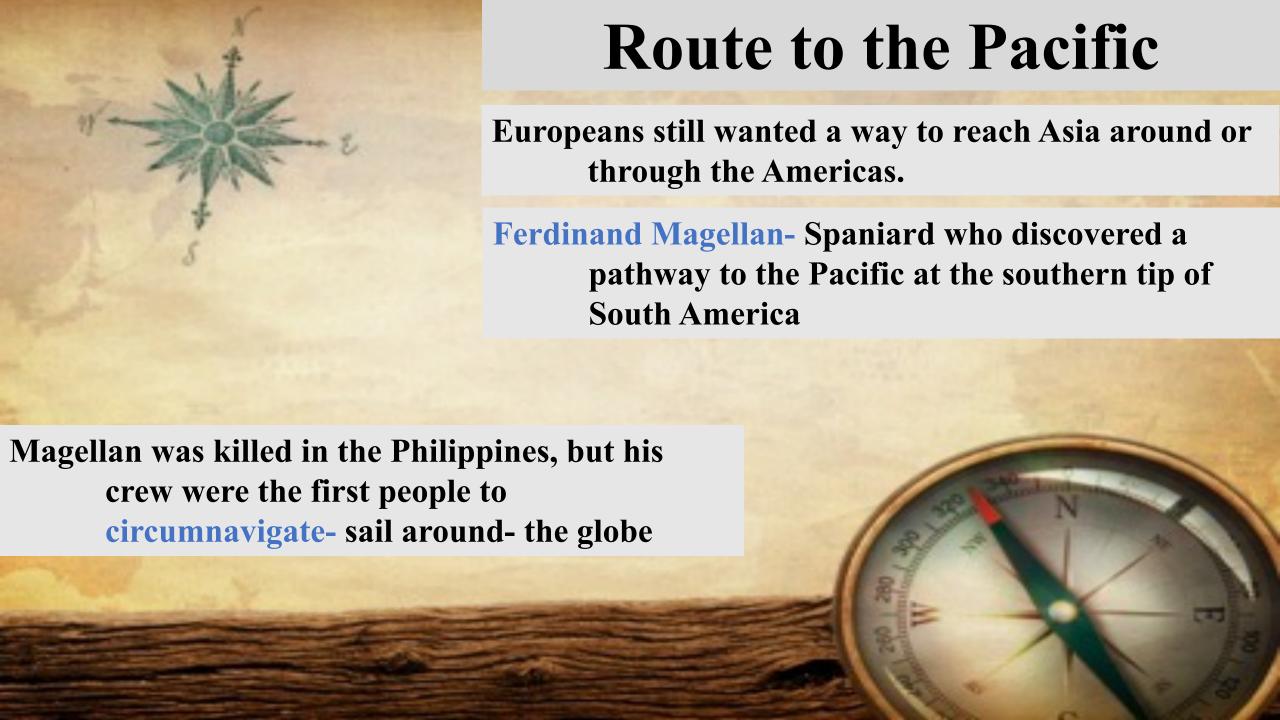
Division

Treaty of Tordesillas- Spain & Portugal treaty to settle claims on the new world

Line of Demarcation- Divided non-European world into two zones

Spain had the west of the line (the Americas) & Portugal had the left (mostly Africa)

Amerigo Vespucci mapped out the region naming it the Americas.



Expansion in Africa

Soon other European nation fought for control of West Africa to increase trade

Dutch would build Cape Town, the first permanent European settlement in Africa

The Dutch Farmers were known as Boers, they began to fight with the tribes of Africa

Soon the British & French began exploration into Africa