



EUROPEANS MAKE CONTACT

As A Young Historian I Will Be Able To...

- **Describe the conditions in Europe in the fifteenth century.**
- **Analyze how the changes taking place in Europe shaped Europeans' worldview and economic expansion.**
- **Describe the major developments on the Iberian Peninsula at the end of the Middle Ages and the start of the Renaissance.**
- **Explain the goals of Christopher Columbus and the consequences of his explorations.**
- **Analyze how contact with Europeans affected the people of the Americas.**

Before Conquest....

**The Middle Ages brought little
growth until along came...**

The Black Death!

The World Advances!

**Agriculture Has A
Huge Economic
Boom!**

**The Law of the
Land is by Kings,
Queens, & Church**

**Cities create new jobs,
such as merchants &
artisans**

The Powerful 4...

Castile

France

Portugal

England

Major Events Change Europe

The Crusades- A Holy War Between the nations of Christianity & Islam for the Holy Lands.

The Nations of Islam win.

Major Events Change Europe

The Renaissance- An Advancement of the Arts & Sciences.

The Common Man Receives Access to Literature & Trade Grows!

Marco Polo travels to China & sets up new trade routes!

Muslim Nations Control Trade, leading to another “Crusade”



As trade increased during the Middle Ages, towns located near rivers prospered. Large trade fairs were set up in some cities, where the townspeople & merchants bought & sold goods.

Christopher Columbus

**-Believed the Size of the Earth is
18,000 Around, Short by
7,000 Miles.**

**- Sought a shorter route to India
& China for Trade & to
Revive Christianity.**

**-1492, came to set sail for 33
days with 3 ships & 90
men...**

...landing in the Bahamas!



Christopher Columbus

-Believed He Was in India, Called Indigenous tribes “Indians”

-Thought it was his “Devine Duty” to Conquer.

-1493-Establishes Hispaniola, produces profits by shipping gold, sugar, & slaves to Spain.

- Looses power due to mismanagement, dies still thinking he reached India!

A World Cut in Half

-Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)- Spain & Portugal Split Power down the middle of the Atlantic Ocean

**Spain “Gets” The
Western Lands**

**Portugal “Gets” Africa
& Indian Ocean**

The Columbian Exchange!

-Trade Between the “New World” & Europe



Indigenous People Adapt!

**People of the Americas
Control Cattle.**

**People of the Plains
Control Horses.**

Global Populations of American Indians Drop from 7% in 1492 to less than 1% by 1800