

Coming to the New World: Exploring America



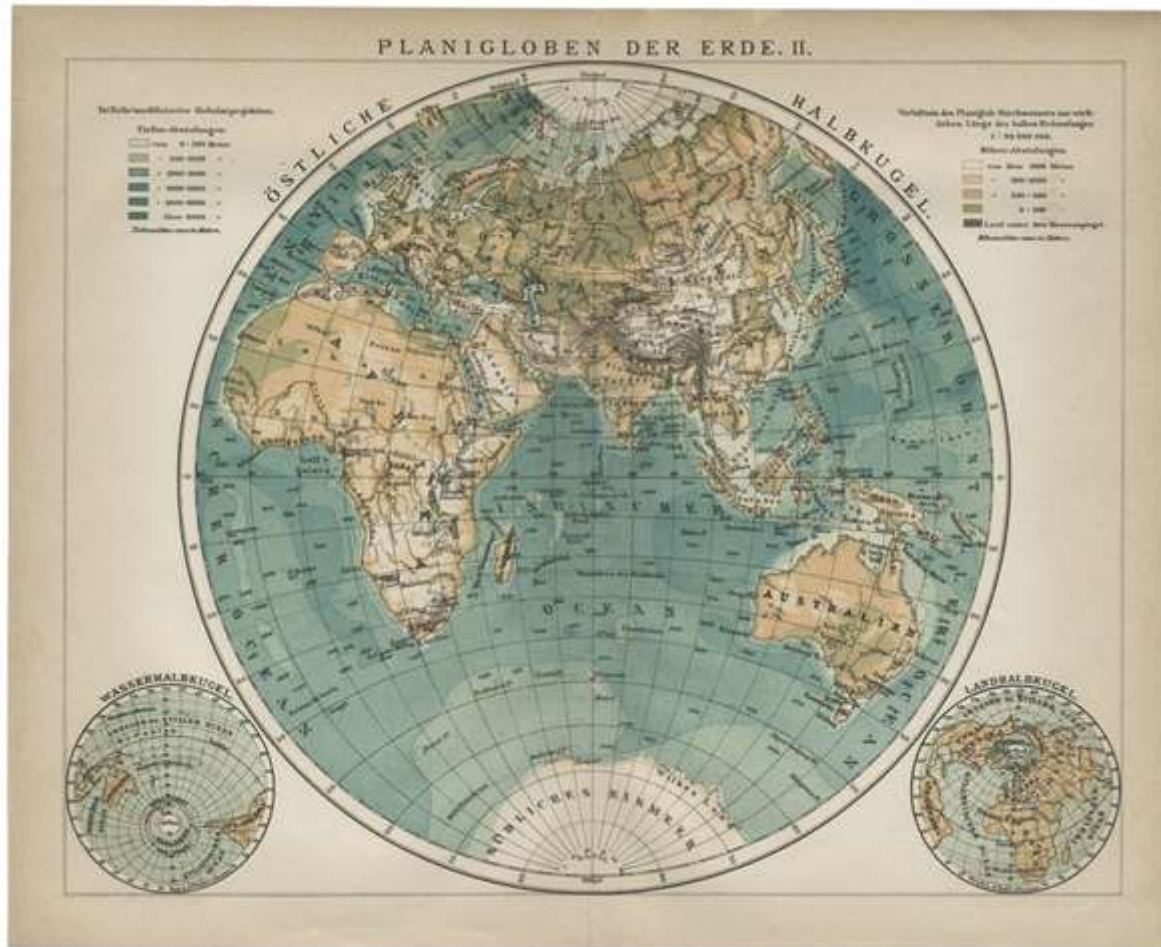
**Before our nation, the United States,
had been formed...**

**Before Europeans came to our shores
to find the many advanced
Native American communities...**

There was the “Old World.”



The “Old World” refers to the eastern hemisphere- Europe, Asia, and Africa- around the late 1400s...





**New ideas were spreading...
Ideas about new inventions...
Ideas about trade with people
and places in distant locations.**



European merchants were interested in the unique goods they had heard about in Asia...

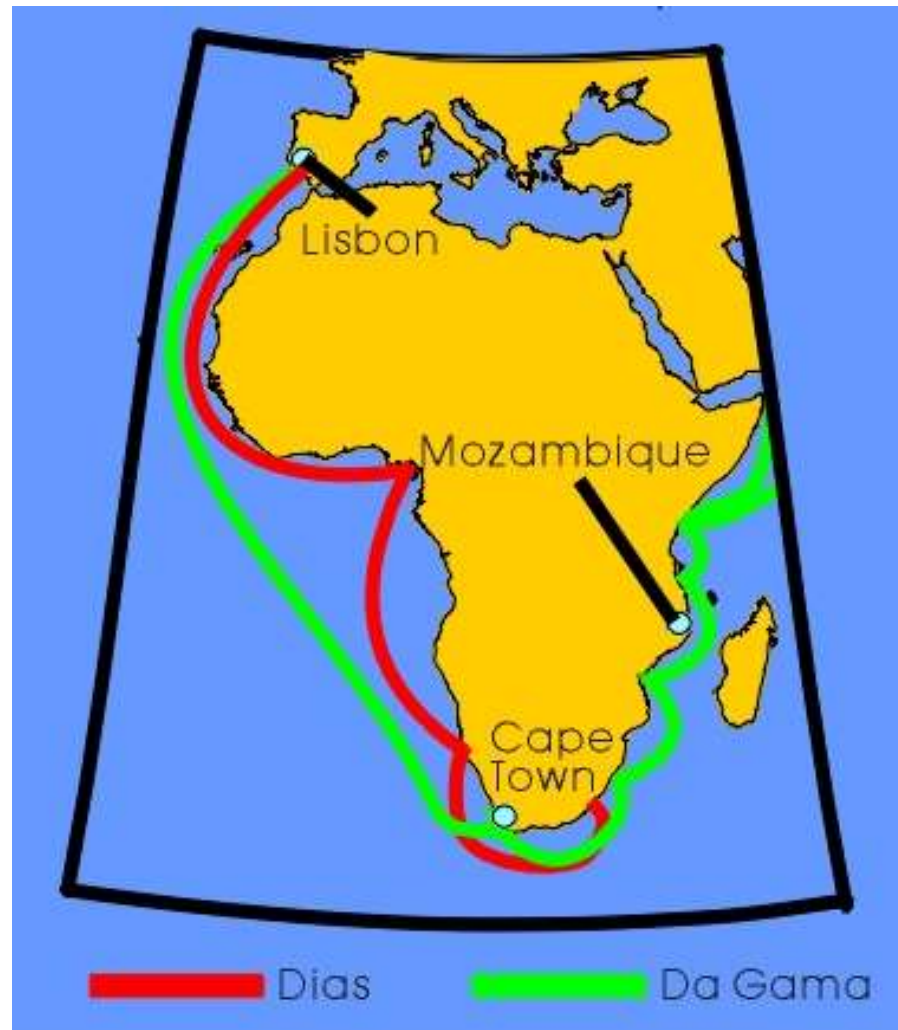
But to reach there, a caravan had to cross dangerous mountains and deserts, taking a long time for a costly journey.



At that time, some Europeans were wondering if Asia would be reached by an easier sea route. Most sailors and traders thought the only way to reach Asia was to go east.



Many Portuguese merchants sent trading ships on sea routes around the south tip of the African continent in order to reach the riches they sought in Asia.



Bartholomeu Dias

*“A fierce, 13 day storm
blew his ship off course
rounding the tip of Africa.
He only realized how far
he had gone when the
skies cleared.”*

Why do you think the cape
Dias rounded
was named
“The Cape of Good Hope”?



Vasco da Gama

**In his first voyage,
da Gama reached
Calcutta in India
(his goal) and sailed
home.**

**The ruler of Calcutta
did not welcome
da Gama, angry that
he had not brought
valuable presents.**



**One sailor, Christopher Columbus,
believed that Asia could be reached by
sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.**



This was a risky idea, but finally King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain agreed to finance his journey to the “New World.”



In 1492, Columbus and his crew with three ships, the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria, began their two-month journey to what we now call the “Americas.”



Anchoring his ships off an island in the Caribbean, called San Salvador, Columbus had not reached Asia (India- in particular)...where the rich trading goods were to be found. At first he thought he was successful. He even called the native people on the island “Indians”.



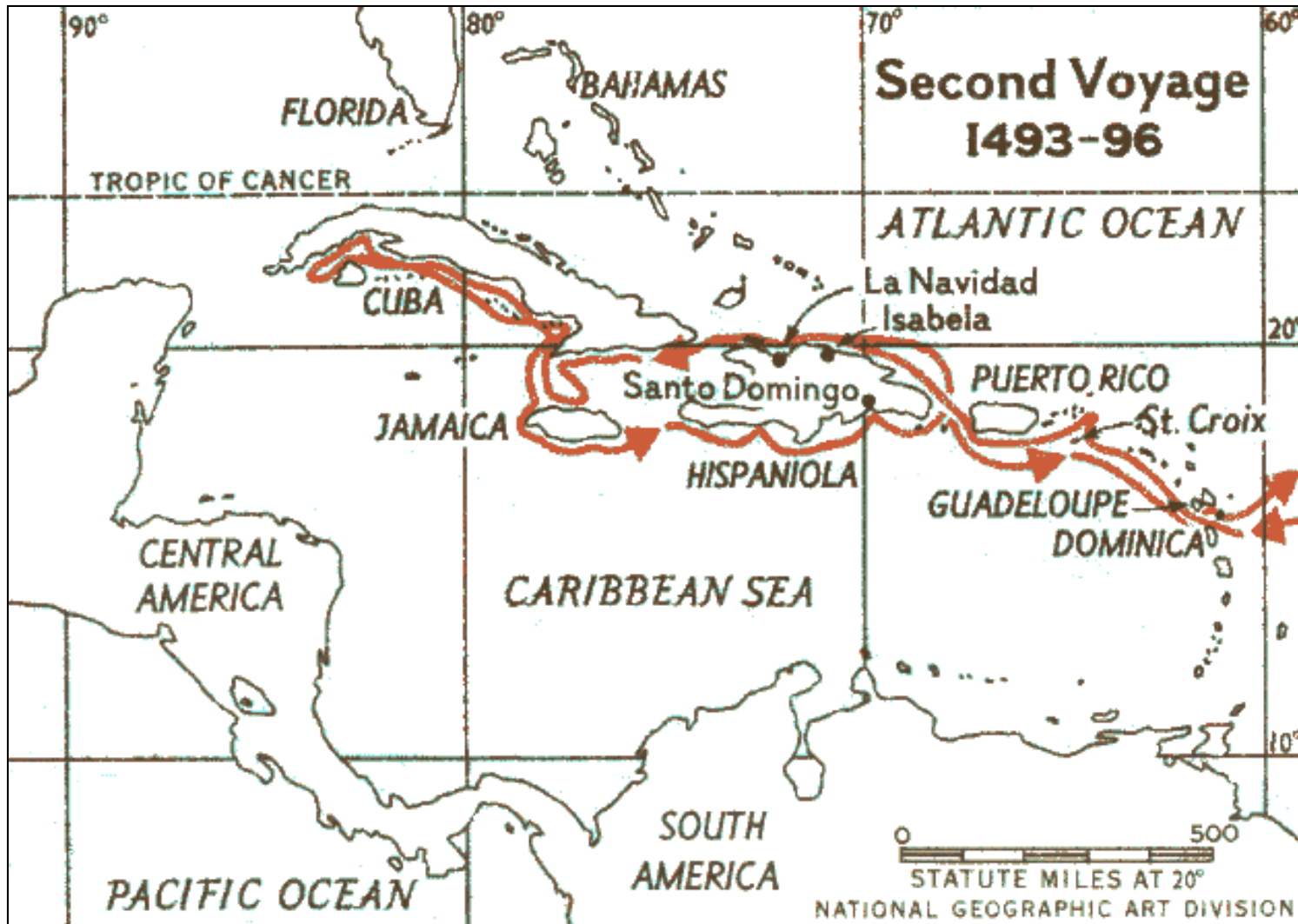
Instead, he had reached a new land that few Europeans knew about. Today, we call this region in the Caribbean Sea the “West Indies.”



Columbus would make four journeys to and from Europe and the New World, bringing the new animals, plants, and people to the “Old World.”



Second Voyage



Third Voyage:



Fourth Voyage:



Although he sailed along the coast of South America, Columbus found no riches, and no traces of the Indies. He returned to Spain believing he was a failure.

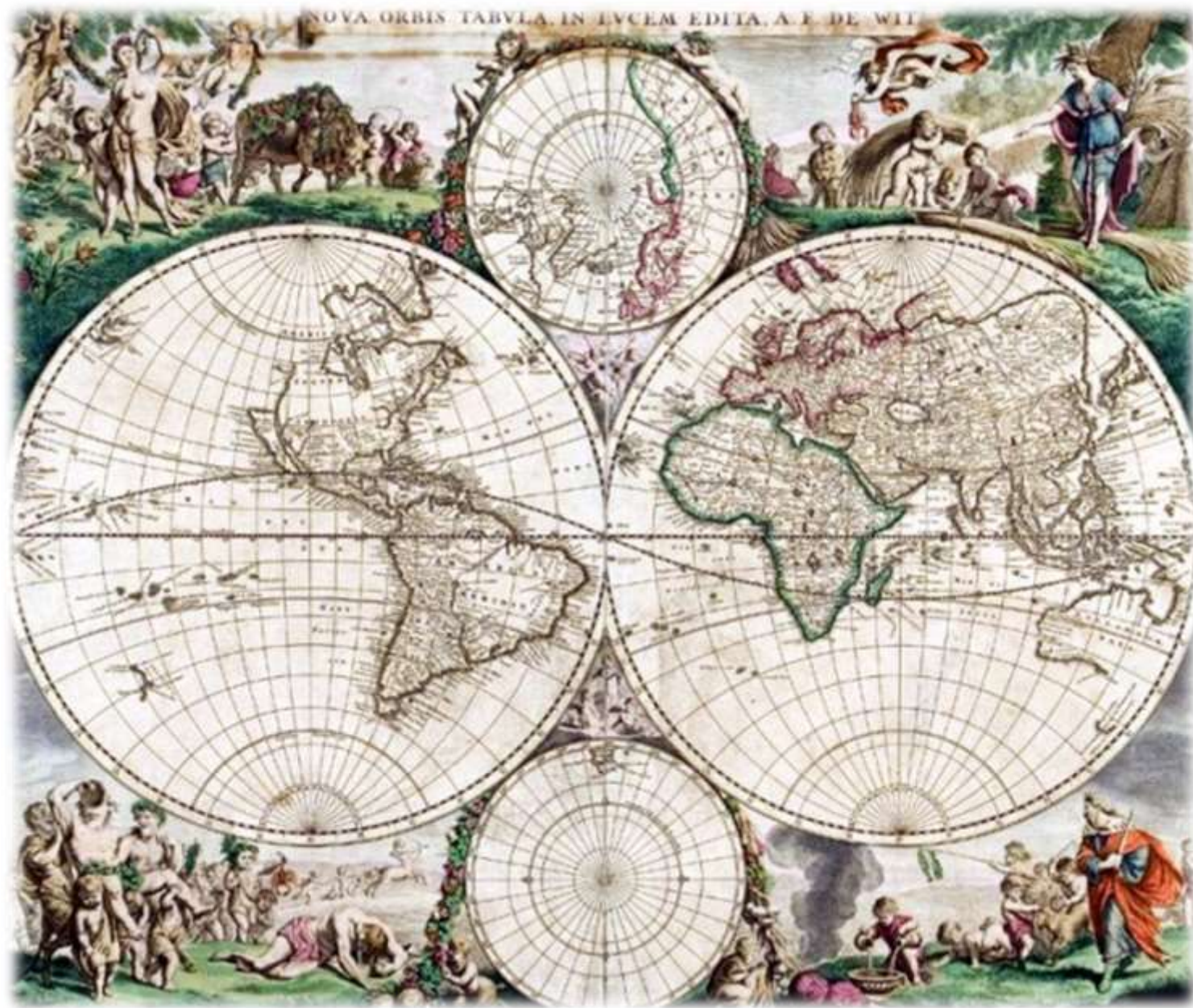


But Columbus had found other kinds of riches.

He did not realize that he had discovered something even more valuable than gold or silver or spices-

He had seen and mapped new routes to new continents and new lands, land which Europeans saw as opportunities for settlement and development.





Soon, other nations sponsored explorations to the New World. Leaders of European nations hoped they would make themselves rich from the resources in the Americas...

**So a important competition began to claim these new lands!
We now call this time in history, the Age of Exploration!**



Inspired by a friend who was both astrologer (student of stars and planets) and cartographer (mapmaker), Magellan determined he could circumnavigate the globe.

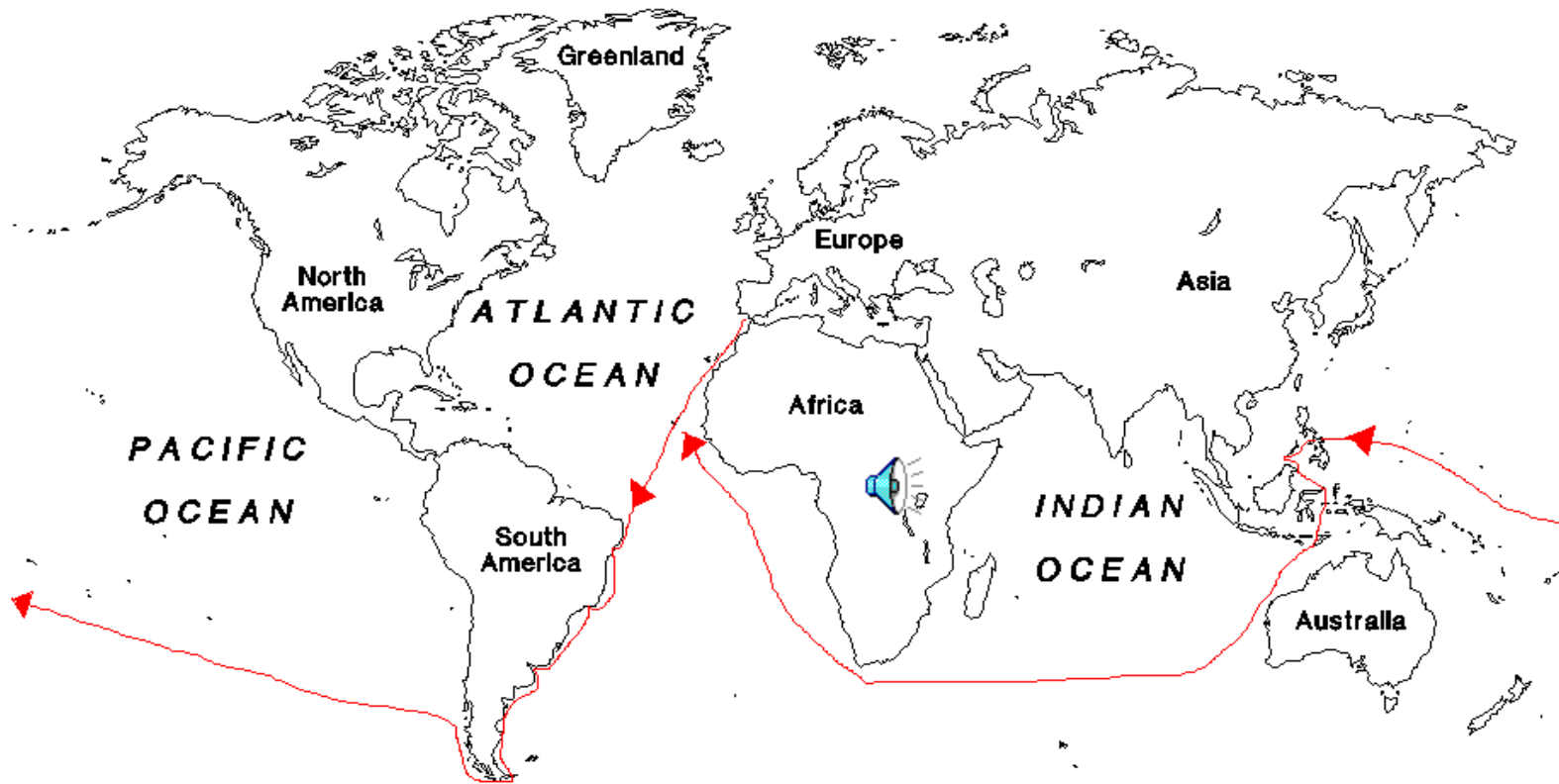


He gained funding from Spain and set out to accomplish Columbus' goal, to reach the Indies by sailing West...

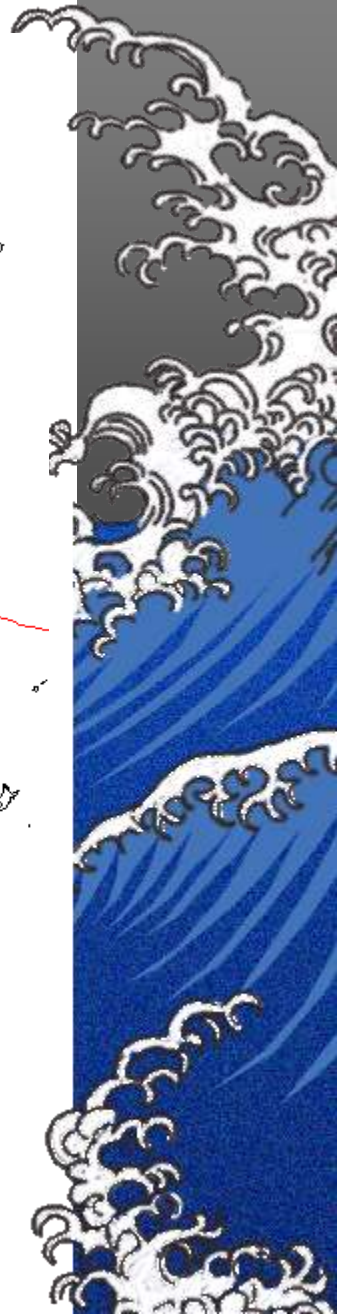


Magellan's Voyage

MAGELLAN
1518 - 1522



Although a successful voyage, Magellan did not succeed in the circumnavigating the globe. He died on the journey.



Let's Review the Explorations in the Americas-

Expeditions all wanting to claim the
lands of the “New World.”



John Cabot

- ✦ *Sailed for England*
- ✦ *Landed on coast of New Foundland*
- ✦ *Gave England claim to North America*



JOHN CABOT
1497 AND 1498



Ponce de Leon

- ▲ *1st to land on the mainland of North America*
- ▲ *Looking for the “fountain of youth”*
- ▲ *Established first European settlement in North America- St. Augustine, Florida*





Coronado

- *Looking for legendary seven cities of gold.*
- *First of many “Conquistadors”*
- *Explored present-day Arizona, New Mexico, and parts of Oklahoma.*

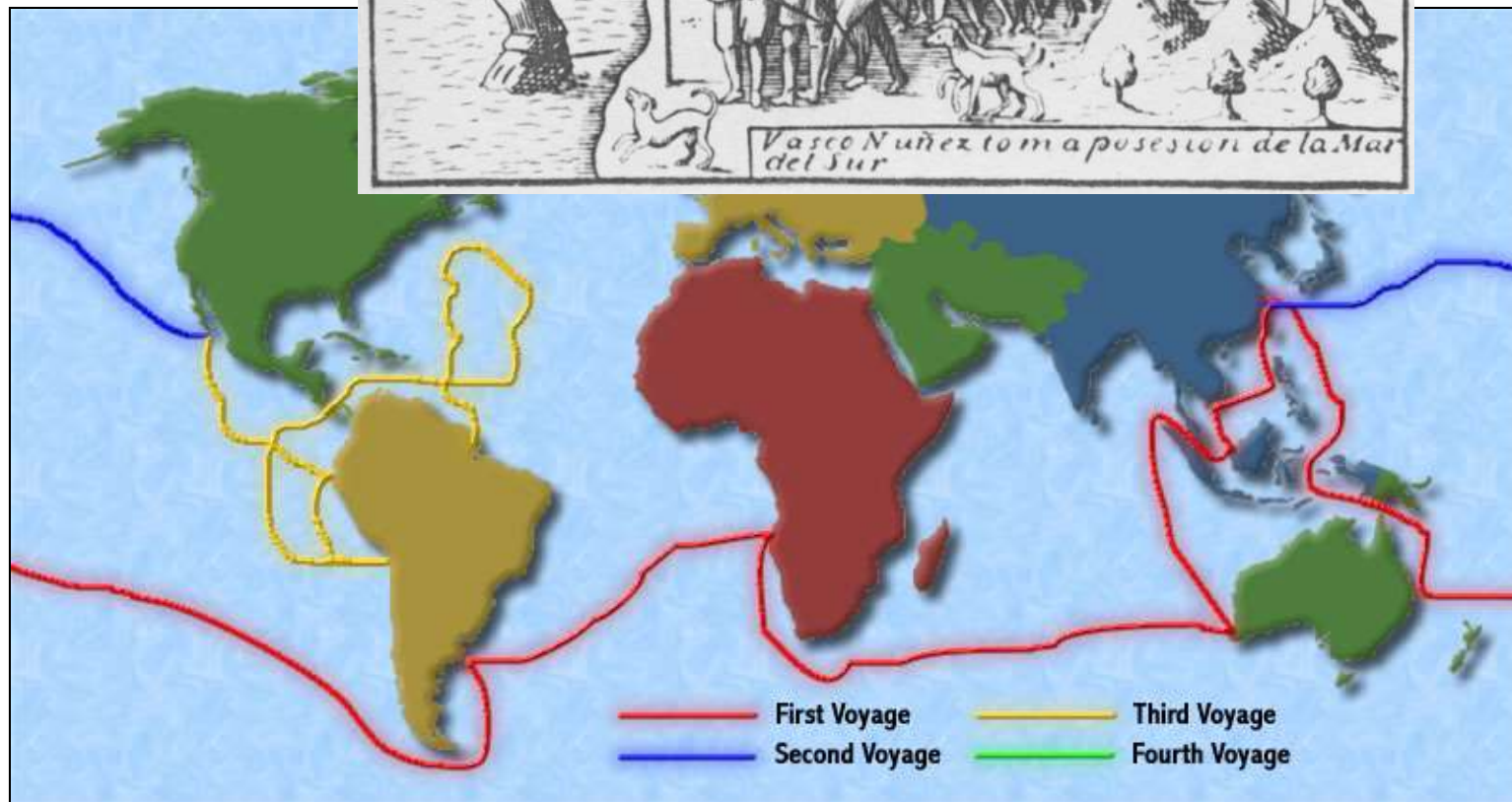




Vasco de Balboa

- ✦ *Led several Spanish expeditions.*
- ✦ *Claimed Pacific Ocean and nearby lands for Spain*
- ✦ *Cross the isthmus of Panama.*



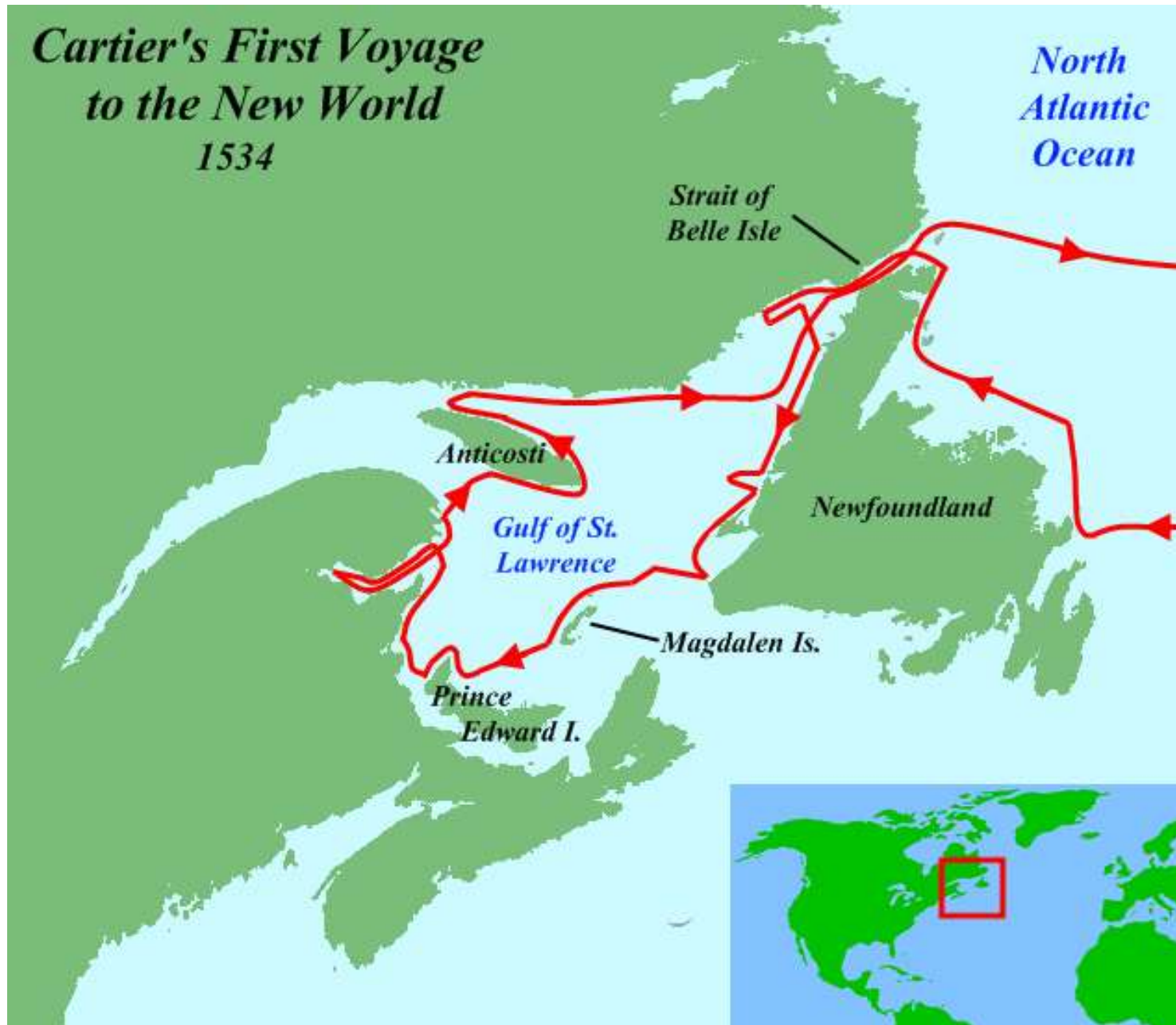


Jacques Cartier

- *French explorer*
- *Led three expeditions to Canada*
- *Claimed Canada for the French*



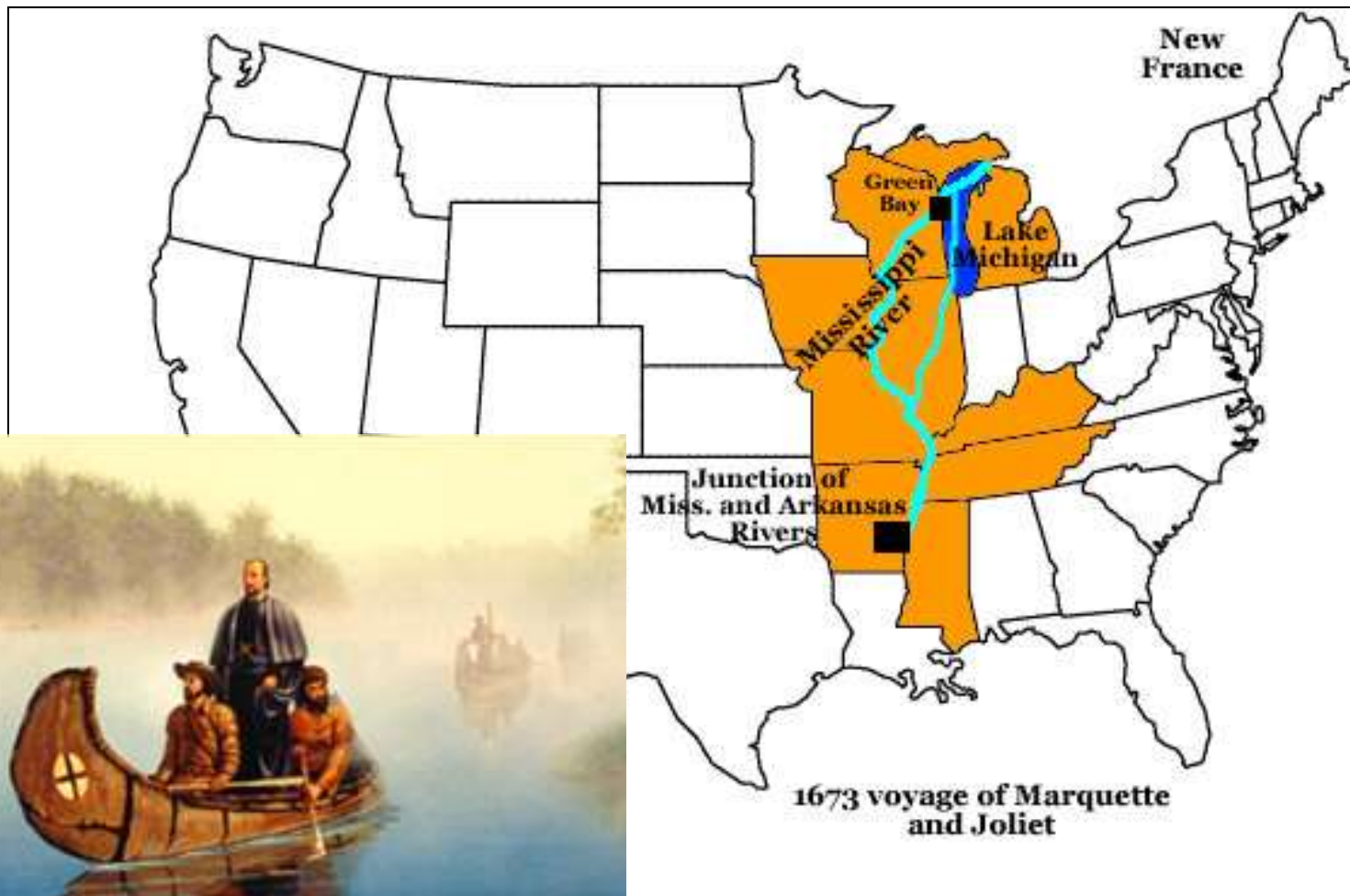
Cartier's First Voyage to the New World 1534



Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet

- *Expedition mapping the Mississippi River*
- *Marquette was a French missionary, as well as explorer.*

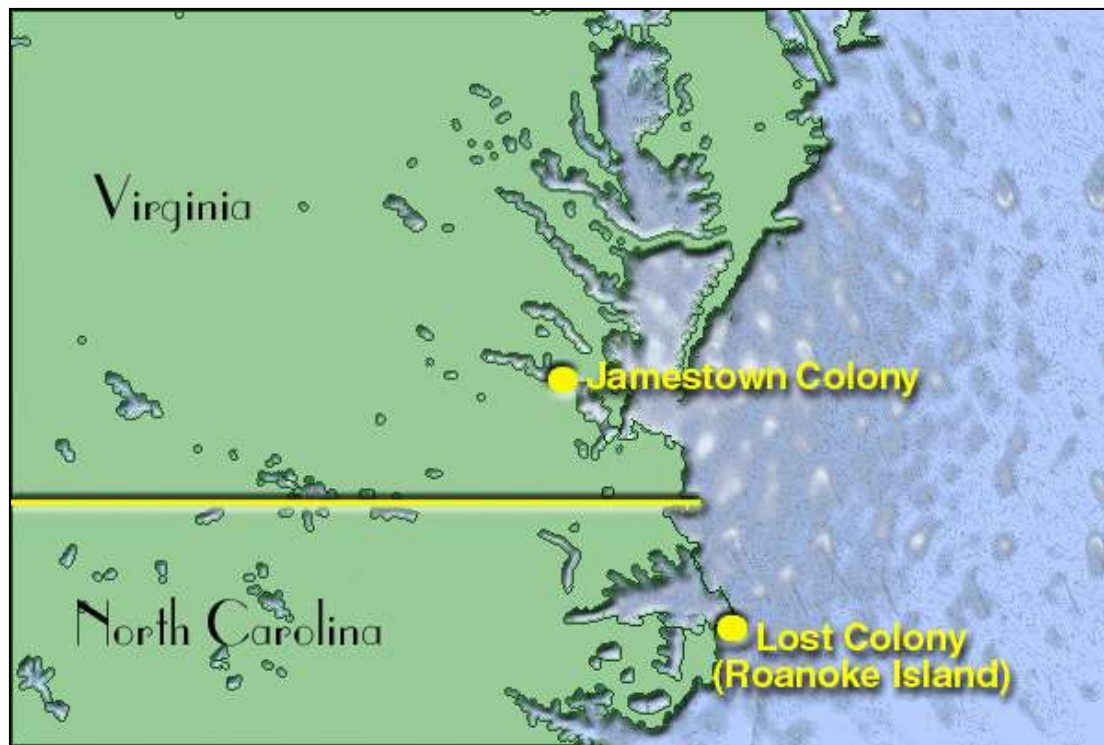




Sir Walter Raleigh

- ✦ *Established first temporary European Settlement in Roanoke, Virginia*





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