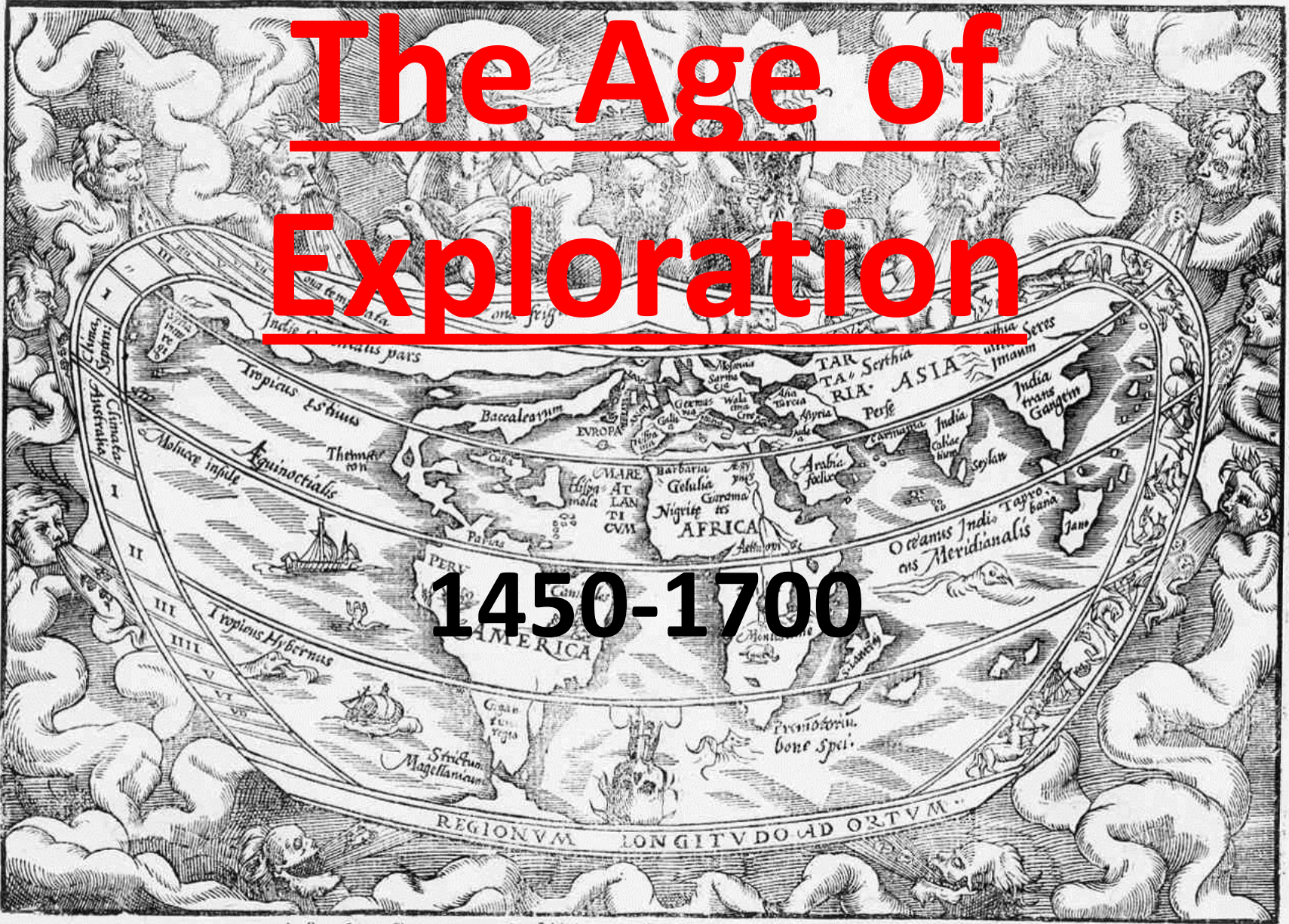


The Age of Exploration

1450-1700

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SPARKS OF INTEREST

- Crusades
 - Spices, Porcelain (China), Silk
 - Venice and Genoa were Major Ports
- Marco Polo
 - Traveled over land from Venice (1275 – 1291)
 - Kublai Khan and the Mongolians Ruled China
 - *The Adventures of Marco Polo*: written while in a Jail in Genoa
 - Motivates Columbus on his Way to Find the Khan



WHY WOULD EUROPEANS GO EXPLORING?

1. Gold: Any Wealth \$\$\$
2. God: Spread Christianity
3. Glory: For Yourself and/or for Your Country

The Portuguese Lead the Way

- Prince Henry the Navigator – Started a School for Navigators, Shipbuilders and Mapmakers in Lagos, Portugal. Makes long Ocean Voyages Possible (Caravels, Triangular Sails, Compass, Astrolabe, Cartography, etc.)
- In 1487, Bartholemu Diaz was the First to Round the Tip of Africa and Named it the Cape of Good Hope
- In 1498, Vasco de Gama became the First European to Sail to Asia from Portugal to India
- In 1500, Pedro Cabral Accidentally Discovers Brazil for Portugal
- The Portuguese Continued to Have Profitable Trade in the Eastern Hemisphere
- Trading Posts v. Colonies (Brazil)



Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)



“MY LIFE
STORY”

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

- King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain agree to finance Columbus voyage to travel West to reach the East
- First Voyage: 3 ships: Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria
- Sets sail Aug. 3, 1492
- Oct. 12, 1492 land is sighted (Modern-day Bahamas)
- Second Voyage: 17 ships and 2,000 men
- Third Voyage: 6 ships
- Fourth Voyage: 1 Ship (Worm-eaten)
- Never knew he discovered a New World and Never Set Foot in present day United States of America

Hernando Cortez (1485-1546)

“Tell my life story, Rowe. It is the Greatest Ever Told.”



Profitable Trade with the East

1. Treaty of Tordesillas (1494): An Imaginary Line is Drawn to Divide the World between Spain and Portugal
2. Portugal Dominates Asian Trade for over 100 Years
3. First to Open the Doors to India, China and Japan

Spain's American Colonies

- New Spain and New Granada (Peru)
 - Viceroy: Ruler of the Colony, Appointed by the King
 - A Society of Land-owners and Slaves (Few Rich, Many Poor)
 - Viceroy Gave Out Land to Spanish Settlers that Produced Gold, Silver and Trees = Lumber
 - Coffee
 - Sugar
 - Tobacco

Slavery in the New World

- Native Americans are the First Supply of Slave Labor
- Africans are the Second Supply; Replaced Native Americans
 - 90% of Native Americans died within 100 Years of the arrival of Columbus
- “Middle Passage” – Cruel, Harsh Slave Journey from Africa to the New World

Middle Passage – A History through Pictures



Slavery in the New World (Cont'd)

- Two Month Voyage – Half Died
- 1/3 of Africans Forcefully Migrated from 1500-1800
- 98% of the Slaves went to Spanish and Portuguese Colonies
- 2% went to English Colonies



**SPAIN =THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE
WORLD BY THE MID-1500s**

North American Colonies

- Dutch Founded Colony Along the Hudson River and called it New Netherlands (1620s)
- Peter Minuit: First Governor of New Netherlands
- The Dutch Conquered New Sweden on the Delaware River in 1655
- By 1664 the English take all Dutch Possessions in North America

North American Colonies (Cont'd)

- The French Founded New France in present-day Canada (Quebec, 1608)
- Economy based on the Fur Trade
- Population of New France remained Small
- English Colonies became Heavily Populated as Colonists were Seeking Religious Freedom and Better Social and Economic Position
- Many Wars will be Fought by European Nations over the Colonies in the New World