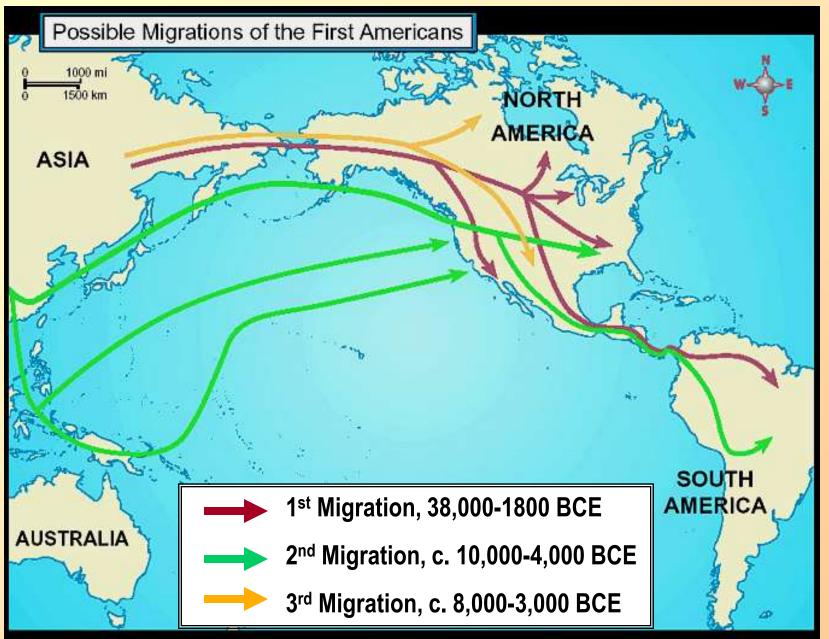


# Native American Histories before Conquest

- 20,000 years ago--Siberian hunters become first American inhabitants
- 14,000 years ago--Humans reach tip of South America.
- These Paleo-Indians did not suffer from many communicative diseases

#### Early Human Migrations



# The Environmental Challenge: Food, Climate, and Culture

- Native Americans enjoyed an abundant supply of meat
  - Some suggest they over-hunted and caused the extinction of several large species
  - Climatic warming probably played a much bigger role
- 5,000 years ago-- Agricultural Revolution
  - Crops include maize, squash, and beans
  - Shift from nomadic hunting and gathering to permanent villages or large cities

### Mysterious Disappearances

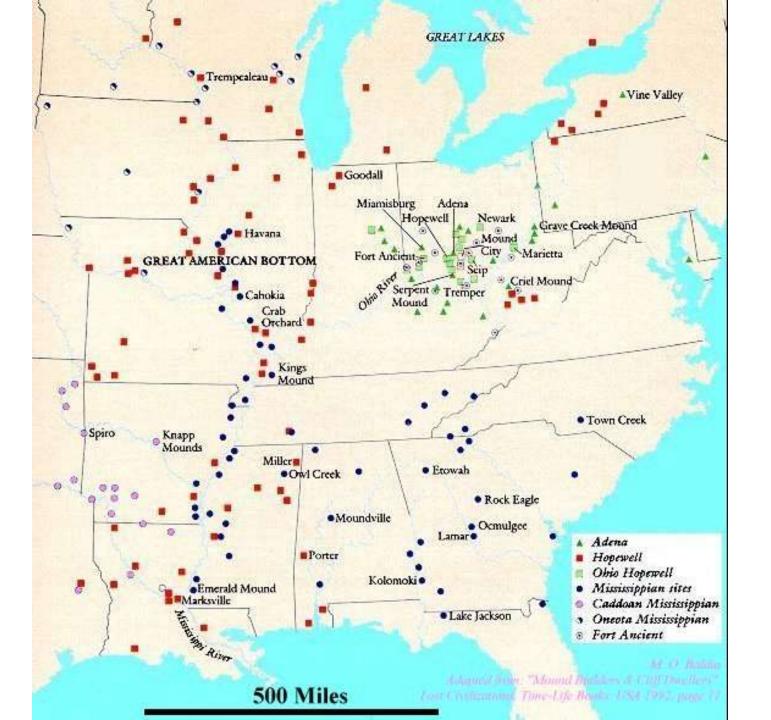
- Anasazi Culture—Chaco Canyon
  - Sophisticated irrigation
  - Well-built roads for transportation
- Adena and Hopewell Peoples—Ohio Valley
  - ◆ Large ceremonial mounds
  - Extensive trade network
- Cahokia—Mississippi Valley
  - ◆ Large ceremonial mounds
  - Far-flung trade network

#### Aztec Dominance

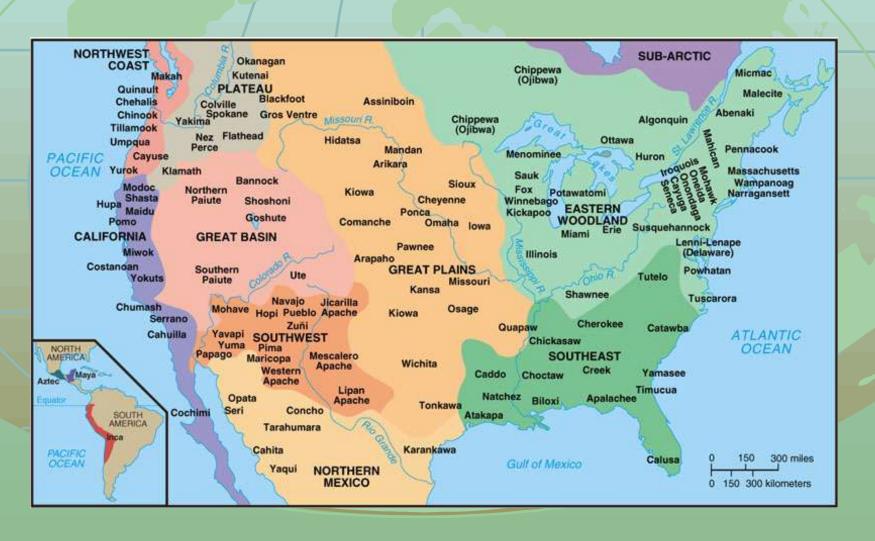
- Aztecs settle valley of Mexico
- Center of large, powerful empire
- Highly organized social and political structure
- Rule through fear and force

#### **Eastern Woodland Cultures**

- Atlantic Coast of North America
- Native Americans lived in smaller bands
- Agriculture supplemented by hunting and gathering
- Likely were the first natives encountered by English settlers



## Locations of Major Indian Groups and Culture Areas in the 1600s



## A World Transformed

- Large numbers of whites profoundly altered Native cultures
- The rate of change varied from place to place
- Native traditions changed radically for cultural survival

### **Cultural Negotiations**

- Diversity of language groups, ethnicities
- Define place in society through kinship
- Communal, charismatic, sociopolitical formation
- Diplomacy, trade, war organized around reciprocal relationships

# Confederacies of Eastern North America

- Hurons--Southern Ontario near Lakes
  Ontario and Erie
- Iroquois--Central New York
- Powhattans--Chesapeake

#### Threats to Survival: Trade

- Native Americans were eager for European trade
- They became dependent on and indebted to Europeans
- Commerce also influenced warfare patterns

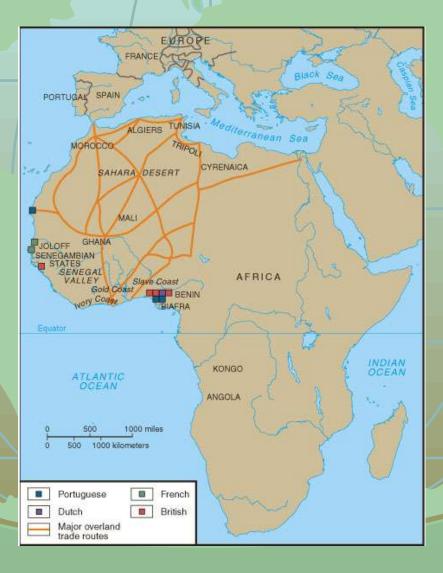
#### Threats to Survival: Disease

- Contact brings population decline among American Indians
- Cause: Lack of resistance to epidemic disease
  - ◆ smallpox
  - ◆ measles
  - ◆ influenza
- Rate as high as ninety-five percent

## West Africa: Ancient and Complex Societies

- Diversity of sub-Saharan Cultures
  - ♦ Islam
  - Strong traditional beliefs
- A history of empires
  - ◆ Mali
  - ◆ Ghana
- Daily life centered on elder-ruled clans

## Trade Routes in Africa



## Beginnings of the Slave Trade

- 15th-century Portuguese chart sea lanes from Europe to sub-Saharan Africa
- Native rulers sell prisoners of war to Portuguese as slaves

#### **How Many Slaves?**

- 17th century--ca. 1,000 Africans per year
- 18th century--5.5 million transported to the Americas
- By 1860--ca. 11 million
- Before 1831, more Africans than Europeans came to the Americas.

## Europe on the Eve of Conquest

- 10th Century --Leif Ericson settles "Vinland"
- Late 15th-century--preconditions for overseas settlement attained
  - rise of nation-states
  - spread of new technologies
  - spread of old knowledge.
- 1492--Columbus initiates large-scale European colonization

#### **Building New Nation-States**

- Population growth after 1450
- "New Monarchs" forge nations from scattered provinces
  - ◆ Spain
  - ◆ France
  - ◆ England
- "Middle class" a new source of revenue
  - Powerful military forces deployed

## Imagining a New World

- Spain the first European nation to achieve conditions for successful colonization
- Unified under Ferdinand and Isabella
- 1492--Jews and Muslims expelled
- Conquest of Canary Islands provides rehearsal for colonization

#### Myths and Reality

- Columbus persuades Queen Isabella to finance westward expedition to "Cathay"
- 1492--Initial voyage
- Three subsequent voyages to find cities of China
- 1506--died clinging to belief he had reached the Orient
- Made possible Spanish dominion in America



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# European Explorations



## Motives for European Exploration

- Crusades → created an interest in Asian goods.
- Renaissance → curiosity about other lands and peoples.
- 3. Reformation → spread religion & missionaries.
- 4. Monarchs seeking new sources of revenue.
- 5. Technological advances.
- 6. Fame and fortune.



#### **Earlier Explorations**

- 1. Islam & the Spice Trade → Silk Road
- 2. New Player -> Europe
  - Marco Polo, 1271
  - Expansion becomes a state enterprise → monarchs had the authority & the resources.
  - Better seaworthy ships.

#### New Maritime Technologies

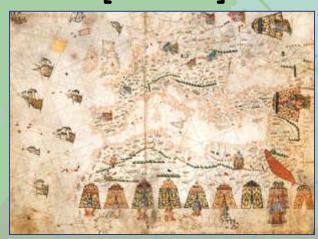


Hartman Astrolabe (1532)

Mariner's Compass



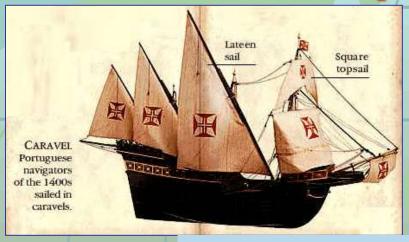
Better Maps [Portulan]





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#### New Weapons Technology



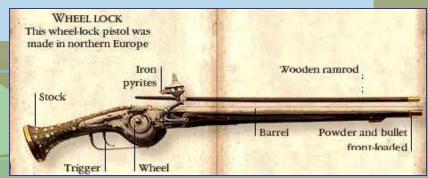
#### **Caravels**

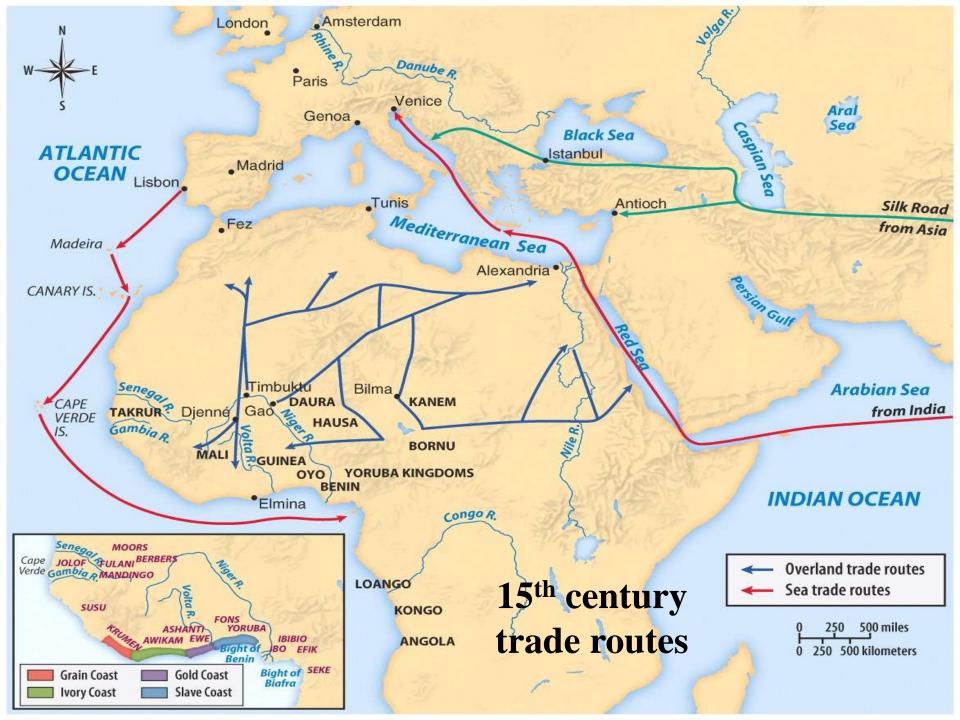
• Caravel, light, fast sailing ship; two features made it highly maneuverable

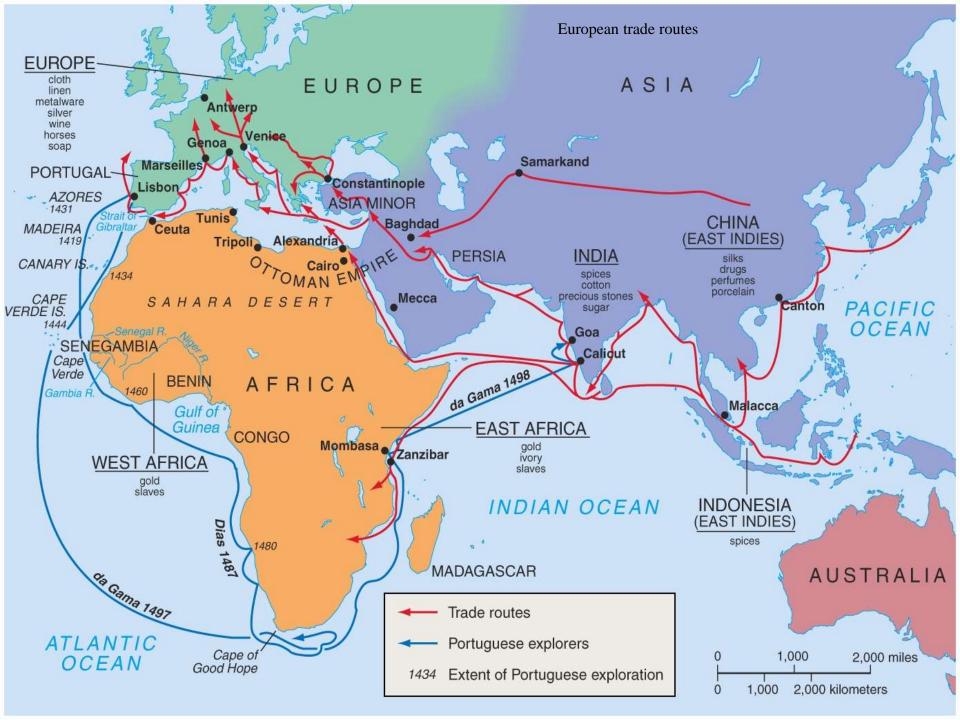
• Steered with rudder at stern, rather than with side oars

• Also lateen, triangular, sails; could be turned to catch wind from

any direction









#### The Rebirth of Europe

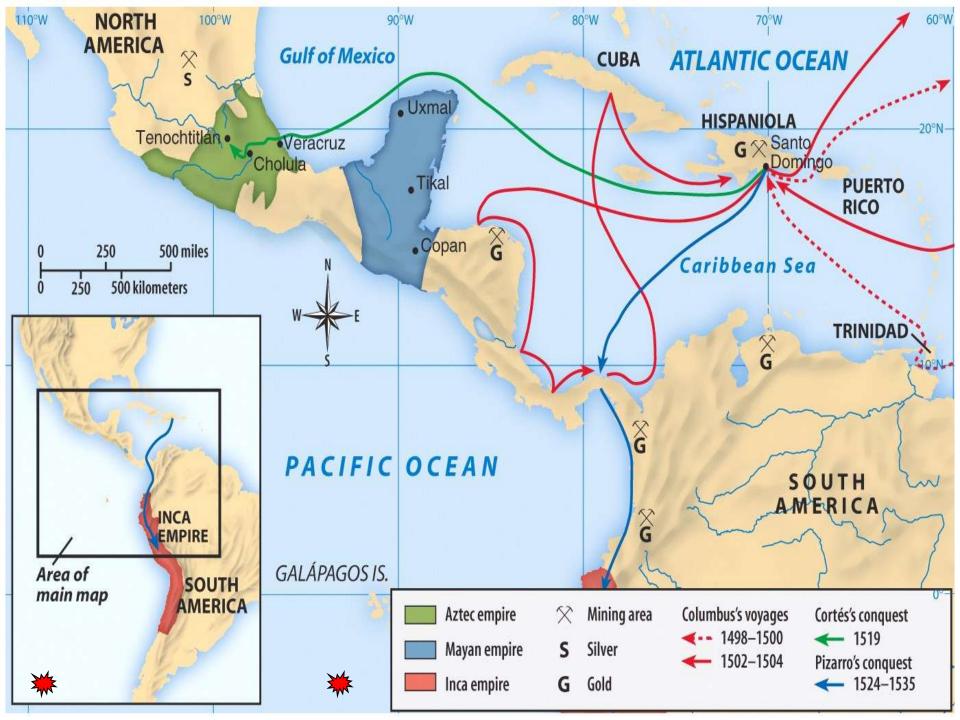
The Repirth of Europe		
Economy	Culture	<u>Politics</u>
Nations competed for Asian trade.	Ancient Greek, Roman, and Muslim art and learning were rediscovered.	Reformation: revolt against the Roman Catholic Church
Improved sea- faring technology aided exploration and trade.	Philosophy of humanism: use of reason and experimentation in learning	Government by nobles and the Church declined.
Spain & Portugal competed to explore trade	Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci Shakespeare	The rise of nations

routes.



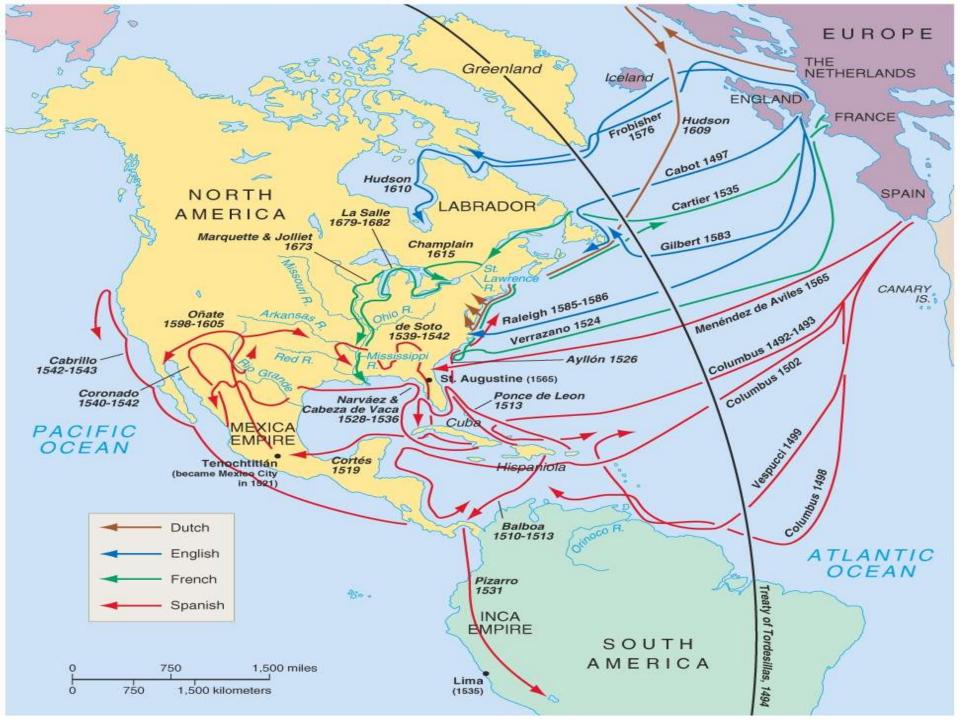
- 1. Political: power through gaining wealth and land. (GLORY)
- 2. Economic: Asian/African luxury goods would enrich individuals and their nations (GOLD)
- 3. Religious: spread Christianity and weaken Middle Eastern Muslims. (GOD)

#### The 3 motives reinforce each other



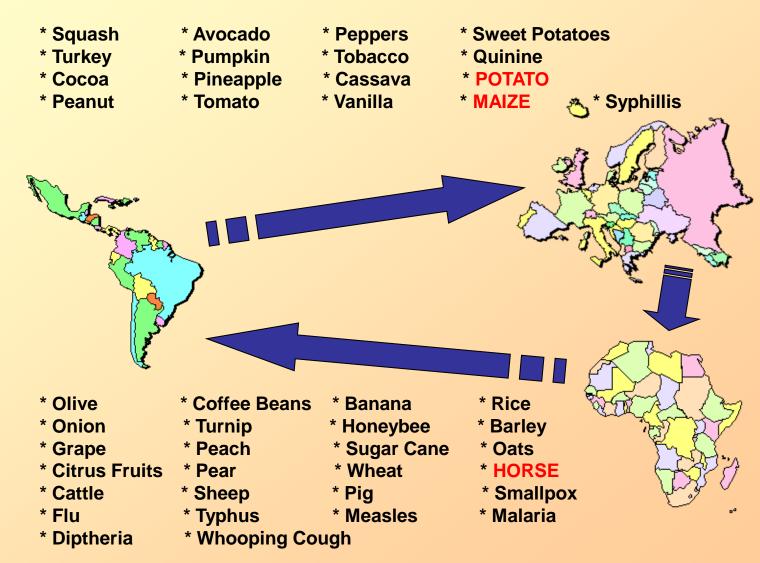
#### EUBOPEAN EXPLORATION 1400 TO 1600

- Europeans reach and settle Americas
- Expanded knowledge of world geography
  - Growth of trade, mercantilism and capitalism
  - Indian conflicts over land and impact of disease on Indian populations
  - Introduction of the institution of slavery
    - Columbian Exchange





#### <u>Columbian Exchange</u> or the transfer of goods involved 3 continents, Americas, Europe and Africa



#### **European Colonization**

- Once the New World is discovered, the <u>Big 4</u> begin competing for control of North America and the world....
  - Spain
  - England
  - France
  - Portugal
- This power struggle ultimately leads to several wars.

# **Exploration Attempts**

## Water Route to India

- Prince Henry's ultimate goal—find water route around Africa to India
- Died before goal accomplished; attempts to find such a route not abandoned

#### da Gama

- 1497, Vasco da Gama set out for India, stopped at several African ports
- Learned Muslim merchants actively involved in trade
- Journey took more than 10 months, eventually reached Calicut in India

## Lucrative Trade

- da Gama's trip inspired another expedition to India, led by Pedro Cabral
- Sailed west; sighted, claimed land that became known as Brazil
- Portugal established trading centers; became rich, powerful European nation

# The Postuguese



- first to begin searching for an all water route to Asia down coast of Africa
  - Prince Henry the Navigator 1450's
- Colonized the South America in the area of what would become Brazil



# Spanish

- 1. First to colonization
- 2. Start in Caribbean, then Central and South
- 3. First permanent colonies in future U.S.
  - St. Augustine (Florida) (1565) to protect Spanish treasure fleets

# The Spanish

### Italian Sailor

- Spain also eager to seek out new routes to riches of East
- 1492, Spanish rulers agreed to pay for voyage by Italian sailor Christopher Columbus
- Columbus believed he could sail west from Spain, reach China
- Correct in theory, but figures he presented about earth's size wrong
- Also had no idea the Americas lay across Atlantic

## Columbus' First Voyage

- Columbus reached island in Caribbean after about two months at sea
- Thought he had reached Asian islands known as Indies; called people living there Indians
- 1493, returned to Spain with exotic items, including parrots, jewels, gold, plants unknown in Europe
- Spanish believed Columbus found new route to Asia, hailed him as hero

# **Results of Voyages**

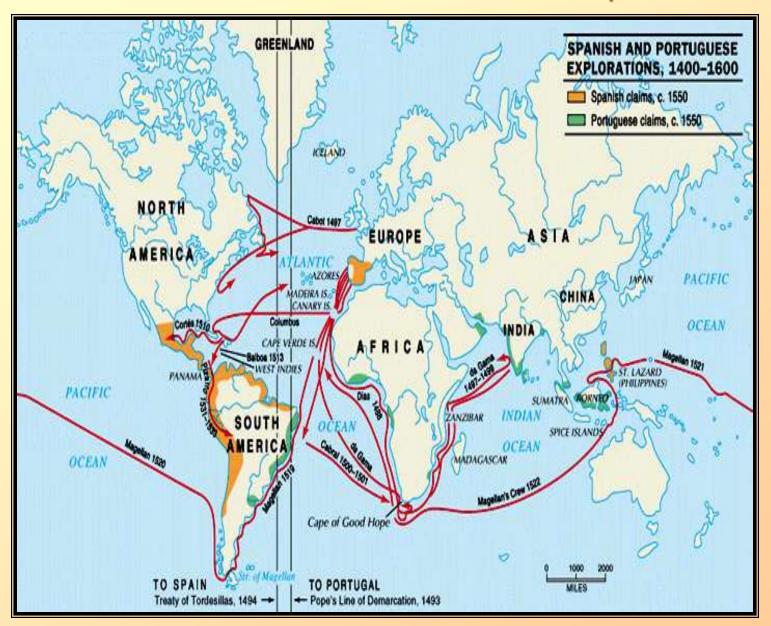
#### Columbus

- three more voyages to Americas
- Still believed he had reached Asia
- Error not realized until about 1502

## Amerigo Vespucci

- sailed coast of South America, concluded it was not Asia
  - Mapmakers later named land America in his honor
  - Knowing they had found new land, Spanish set out to explore it

# 2. The Treaty of Tordesillas, 1494 divided the New World between Spain & Portugal



# 4. Explorers Sailing For Spain

a. Columbus - Italian sailing for Spain - Landed in the "West Indies" - 1492

**b.** Magellan - Portuguese sailing for Spain – his crew 1st to circumnavigate the world - 1522

- <u>c. De Leon</u> Est. colony at Puerto Rico –looking for Fountain of Youth Discovered Florida 1508
- d. Balboa Est. settlement in Panama 1st European to see Pacific Ocean 1513
- e. de Coronado Explored north from Mexico; up Colorado River; saw Grand Canyon -1540
- f. de Soto Explored Florida into Carolina's and west to the Mississippi River 1541



# Spanish empire by the 1600's consisted of the

- part of NorthAmerica
- \*Central America
- Caribbean Islands
  - Much of South America.

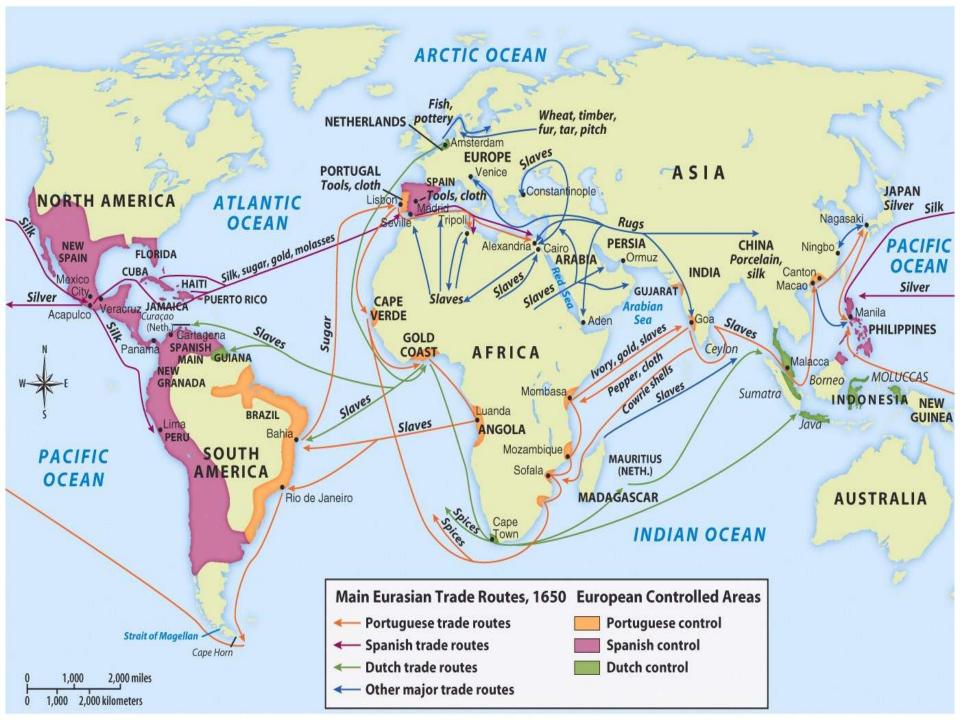


# ONQUIS ADORS

- •Spanish soldiers who came to the New World to help conquer and settle the Americas for Spain.
  - Used harsh and brutal methods on Natives

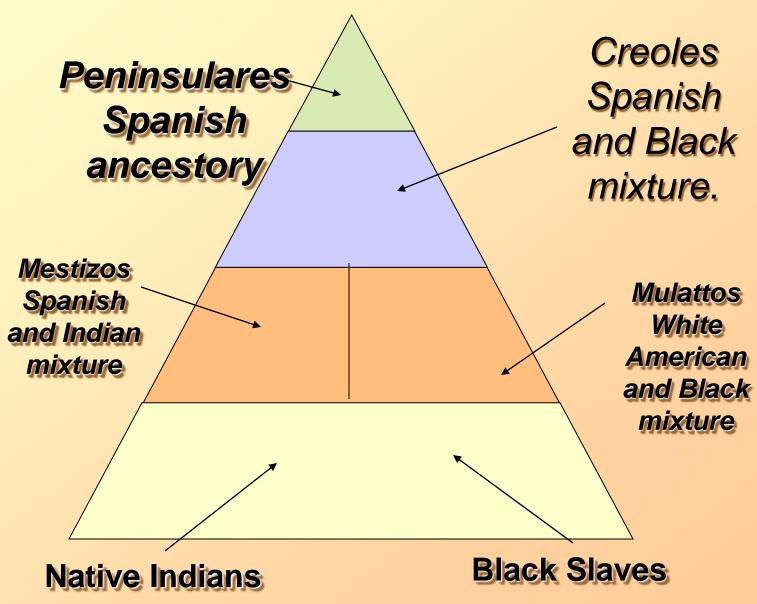


•With every Spanish explorer were conquisted ors and members of the Catholic Church to convert Native Americans.



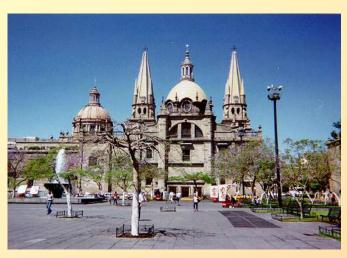


# The Colonial Class System





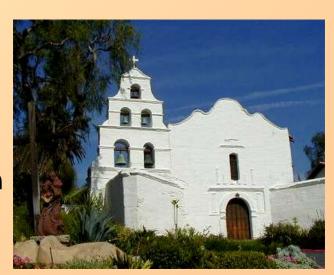
# The Influence of the Colonial Catholic Church



**Guadalajara Cathedral** 



**Spanish Mission** 

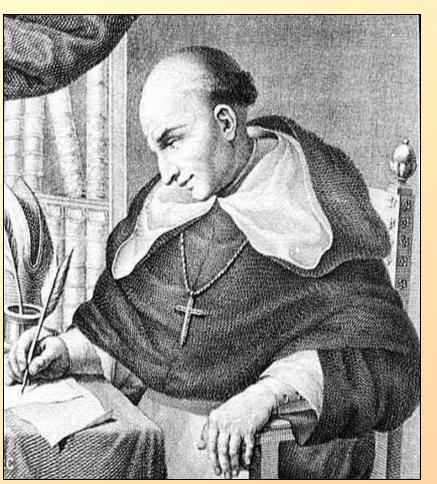




# **ENCOMIENDA SYSTEM**

- 1. Spanish practice of securing a cheap labor supply = <a href="FEUDALISM">FEUDALISM</a>
- 2. Conquistadors controlled Indian populations
  - Required Indians to pay tribute from their lands
  - Indians often rendered personal services as well.
- 3. In return the conquistador was obligated to
  - protect his wards
  - instruct them in the Christian faith
  - defend their right to use the to live off the land
- 4. Encomienda system eventually decimated Indian population.
- 5. The King prevented the encomienda with the New Laws (1542) supported by de Las Casas, the system gradually died out.

# 8. Father Bartolomé de Las Casas



- •Believed Native Americans had been treated harshly by the Spanish.
- •Indians could be educated and converted to Christianized.
- •Believed Indian culture was advanced as European but in different ways.

Helped to end the Encomienda System (Spanish Feudalism on Natives) by supporting the New Laws -



## **Henry Hudson**

- England wanted to find shorter route to Asia than Magellan found
- Sent Dutch-born sailor Henry Hudson
- 1607, Hudson set out to find the Northeast Passage
- Found nothing but ice, returned to England

#### The French

- Also wanted to find passage to Asia
- Sent explorers to look for Northwest Passage
- 1534, Jacques Cartier sailed past Newfoundland into St. Lawrence River, claimed land as province of New France, now Canada

#### The Dutch

- By 1600s Netherlands powerful trading nation, hoped to find new products, trading partners
- 1609, Henry Hudson set out to find Northwest Passage
- Did not find passage, but did explore river now named for him



- French settle Quebec (1608) & Montreal (1642) and what would become Canada
  - Control St. Lawrence River & access to interior of North America
  - Develop a fur trade

# **Explorers Sailing For France**

<u>a. Cartier</u> - Reached St. Lawrence River - Claimed Eastern Canada for France – 1535

**b. Samuel de Champlain** - "Father of New France" - Established Quebec (the 1st permanent French colony in N. America)





- -Found Albany (New York, 1614) on Hudson River
- -New Netherland (becomes New York)