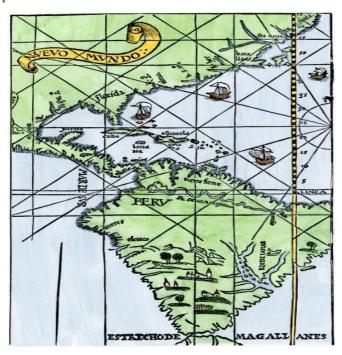
## Routes of Exploration to the New World

### **Vocabulary**

- Colony
- Conquistador
- East Indies

### **Essential Question**

How did exploration of the Americas lead to settlement?



# Reasons for European Exploration



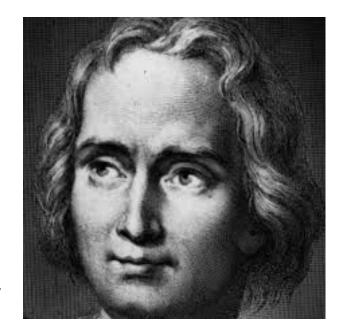
- Spread religion
- Claim new lands and wealth for country
- Gold, God, and Glory (Info from Encyclopedia.com)
  - Gold-material gain, riches
  - God- promoting missionary traditions of Christianity
  - Glory- competition between different countries power

### Where did the explorers come from? What did these explorers do?

- Hailed from countries including
  - o Spain
  - o England
  - France
  - Holland
- Claimed land in North America
- Found new trade routes, allowed for creation of accurate maps of the world, and paved the way for settlers
- Caused conflict with the Native Americans, enslaved tribes, and forced them to labor for them
- The Europeans brought diseases that spread quickly among people

### **Christopher Columbus**

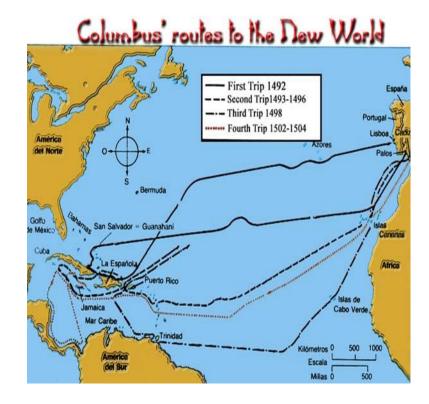
- Born in Genoa, Italy in 1451
- Learned of stories of Marco Polo who traveled to the East Indies (Southeast Asia)
- Became a conquistador
  - A conquistador is a Spanish explorer who came to the Americas in the 1500s and claimed land for Spain
- Thought the world was smaller than it actually was and believed he could reach Asia faster by traveling across the Atlantic.
- Took many years to get funding for his trip. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain gave him three ships-the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. Promised them riches for Spain



### **Christopher Columbus**

- Landed in San Salvador on October 12, 1492.
- Claimed the island for Spain
- Did not realize that he DID NOT land in the East Indies
- Searched for gold and spices. Took back riches and Native captives back to Spain. Made three more trips to the Americas (exploring islands near Cuba and the coasts of Central and South America.)

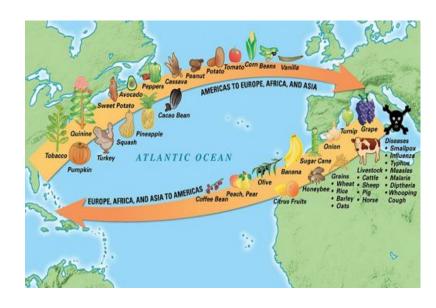




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#### What did Columbus' travels do?

- Opened up trade routes and changed history
- Spanish explorers found gold and found the perfect climate to grow sugarcane
  - Forced the Native peoples to work for them
- Europeans had established colonies
  - A colony is a community ruled by another country
- Trade grew between Europe and the "New World"
- The exchange of goods is known as the Columbian Exchange



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