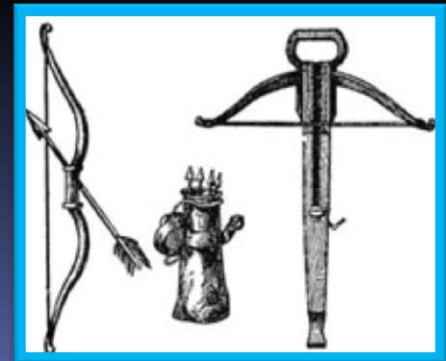


Medieval Europe

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Medieval Europe

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Europe in the “Age of Exploration”

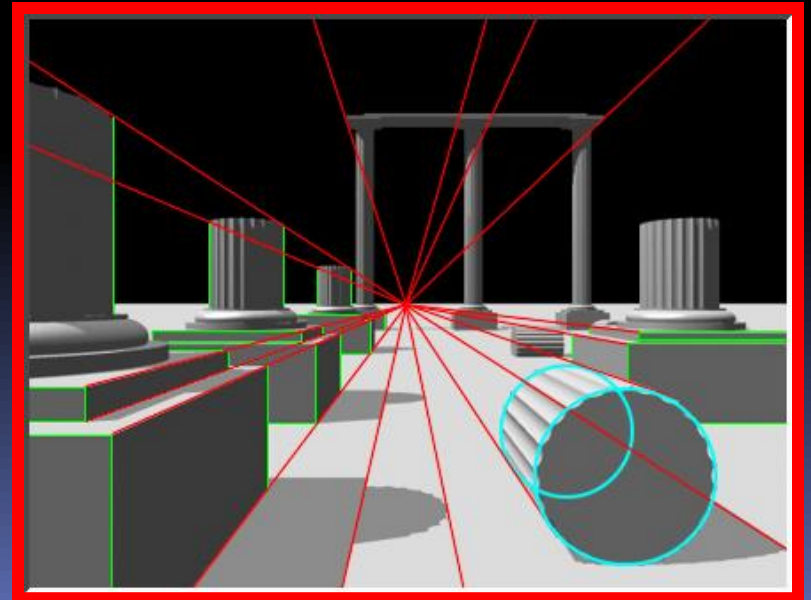
15th and 16th centuries
(1400s – 1500s)



1492

1492 – why is it significant?

- Height of the “Renaissance”
- “Rebirth”
- Classical Greece & Rome
- Education
- Art, literature
- Science, politics
- Religion



Europe in the Later Middle Ages

- Demographic changes
- Commercial revolution
- Technology revolution
- Emergence of new “nations”

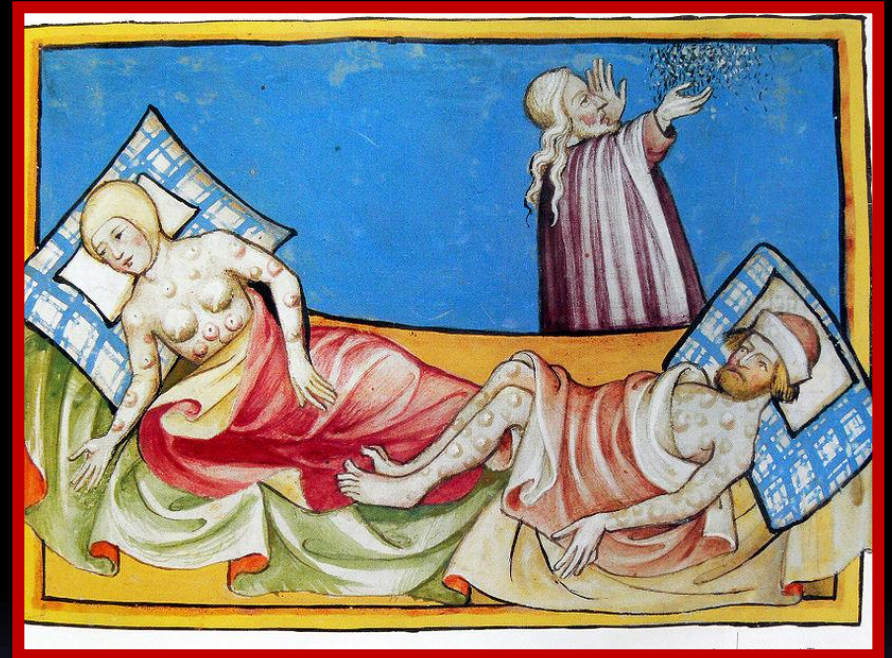
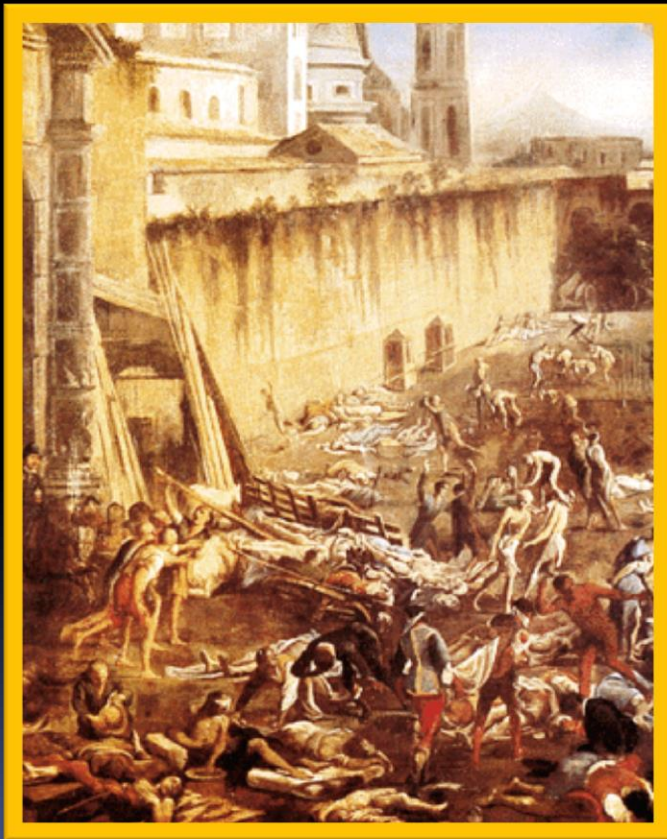
Demographic changes

- Characteristics of a population
 - Gender, race, age, marital status, birth rate, infant mortality, occupation



“Black Death” - 1347

➤ Bubonic plague

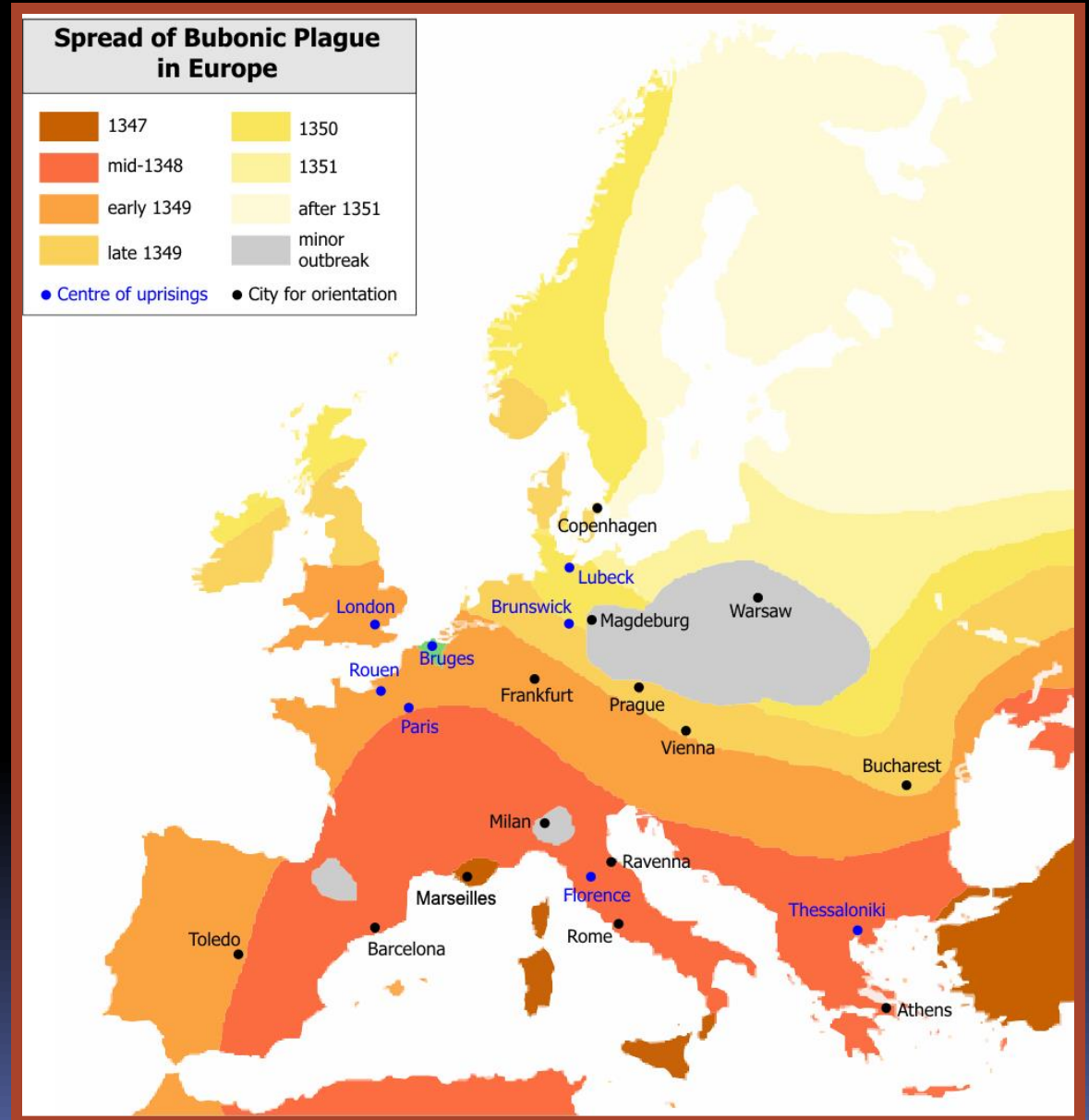


➤ Pneumonic plague

30% – 60%
mortality

“pandemic”

Demographic
catastrophe



Consequences - profound

- Social
- Economic
- Political
- Religious changes

Demographic Recovery

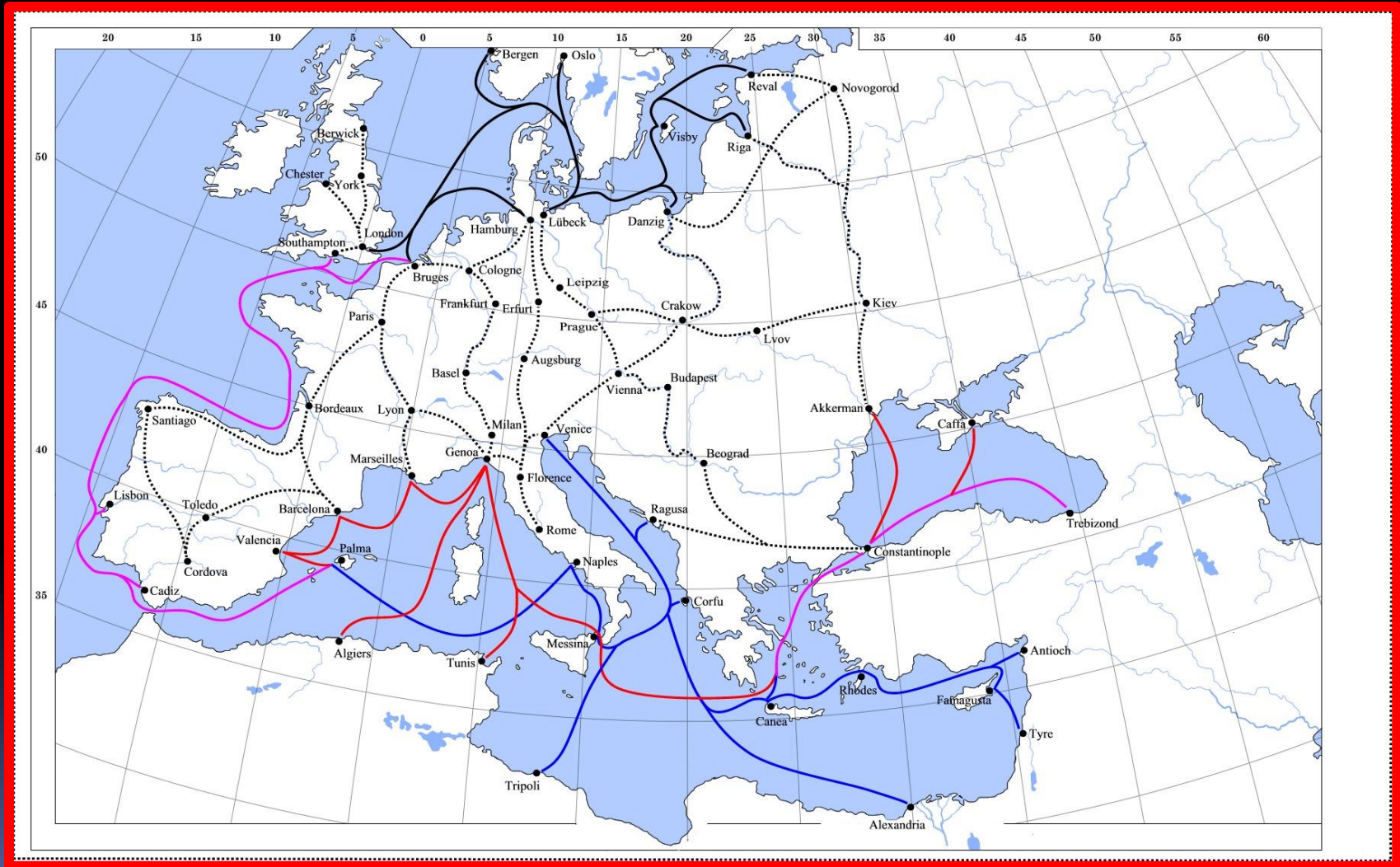
- By about 1450
- Population stabilizes, increases
- Growing “middle class”
 - Disposable income

Commercial Revolution

- Growing middle class
- Luxury goods
 - Spices
 - Silks



Mediterranean trade routes



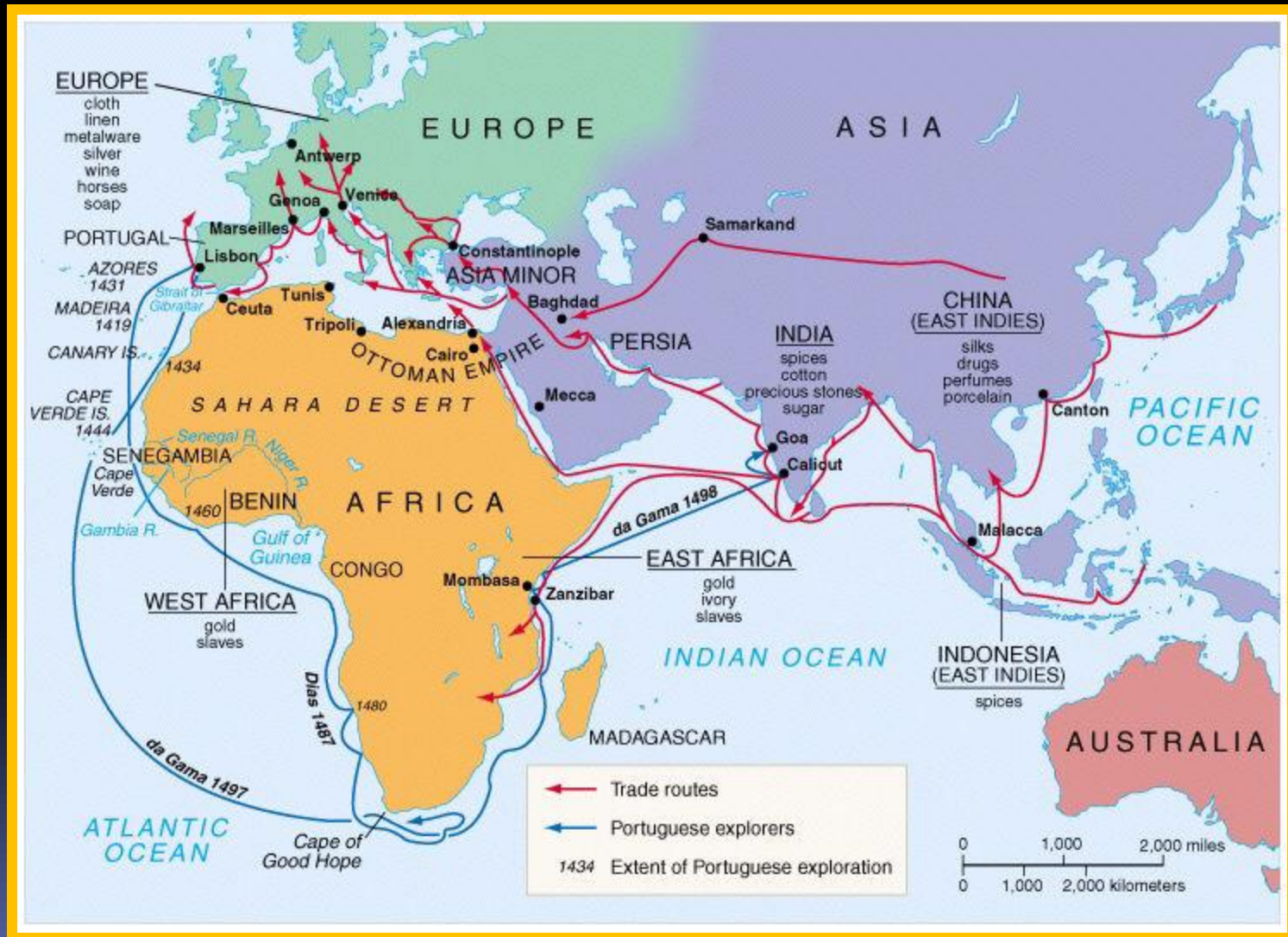
NEW - Far East trade routes



Ottoman Turk Empire - 1453



Water routes



Technology Revolution



Printing Press – ca. 1450



Gutenberg Bible

Naval Technology Revolution

➤ Portuguese



Technology Revolution

Caravel – ca. 1450



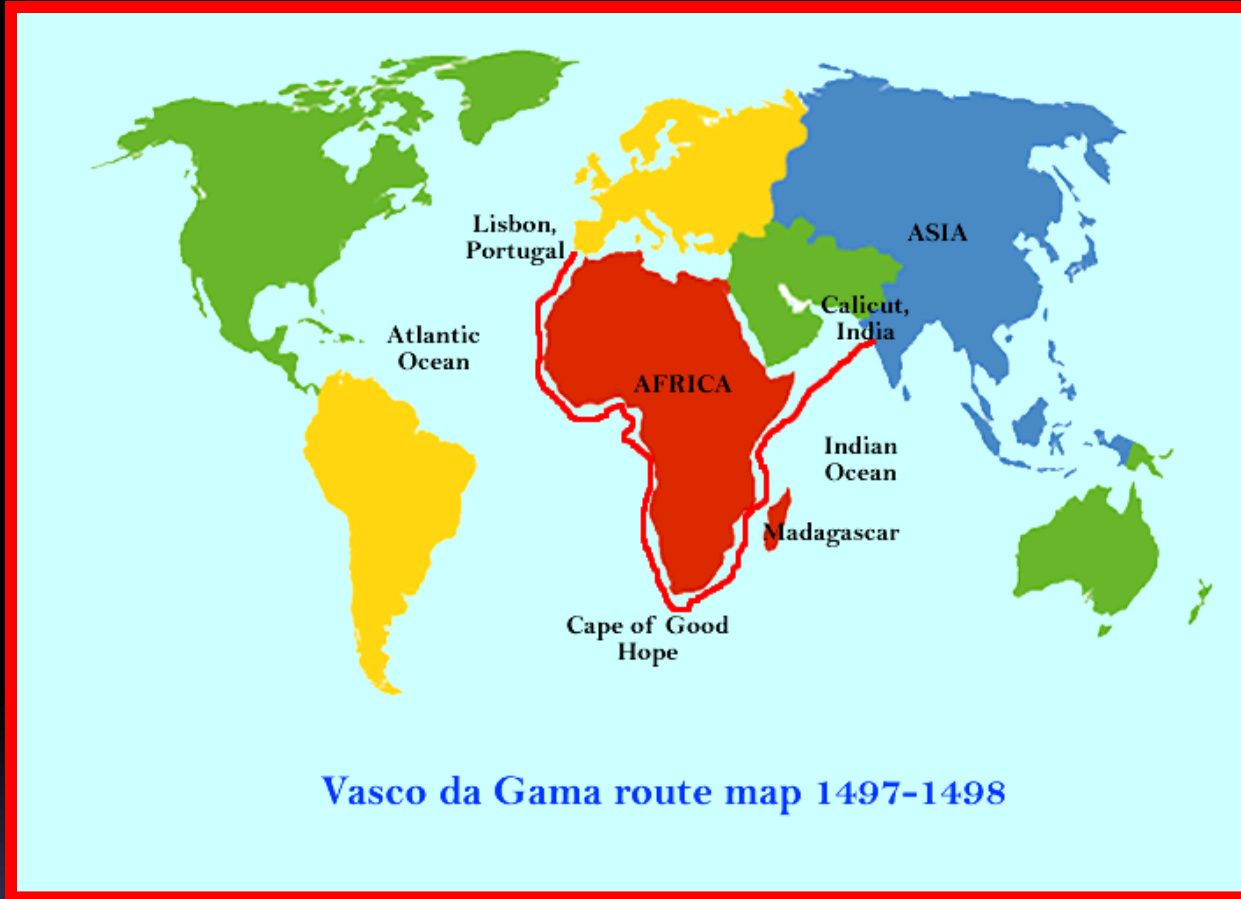
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quadrant



Technology Revolution



Gold & slaves

➤ Demand for luxury goods

- Increase in population
- Development of middle class

➤ Commercial Revolution

➤ Advances in Technology

Motivation & Resources

- Wealth in the Later Middle Ages
 - gold
 - land



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“fealty”



Ferdinand & Isabella



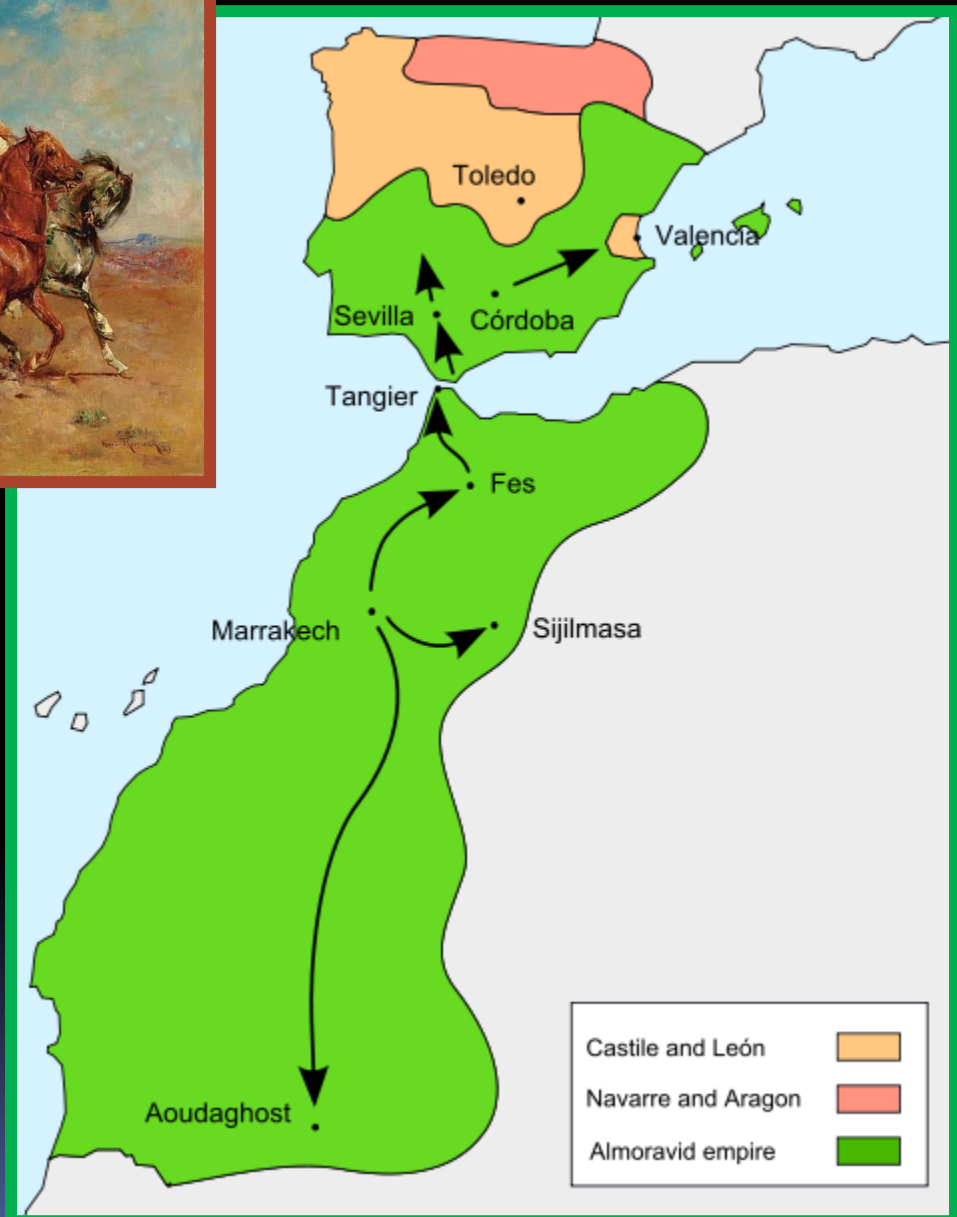
Castile & Aragon - 1469



Spain
(España)



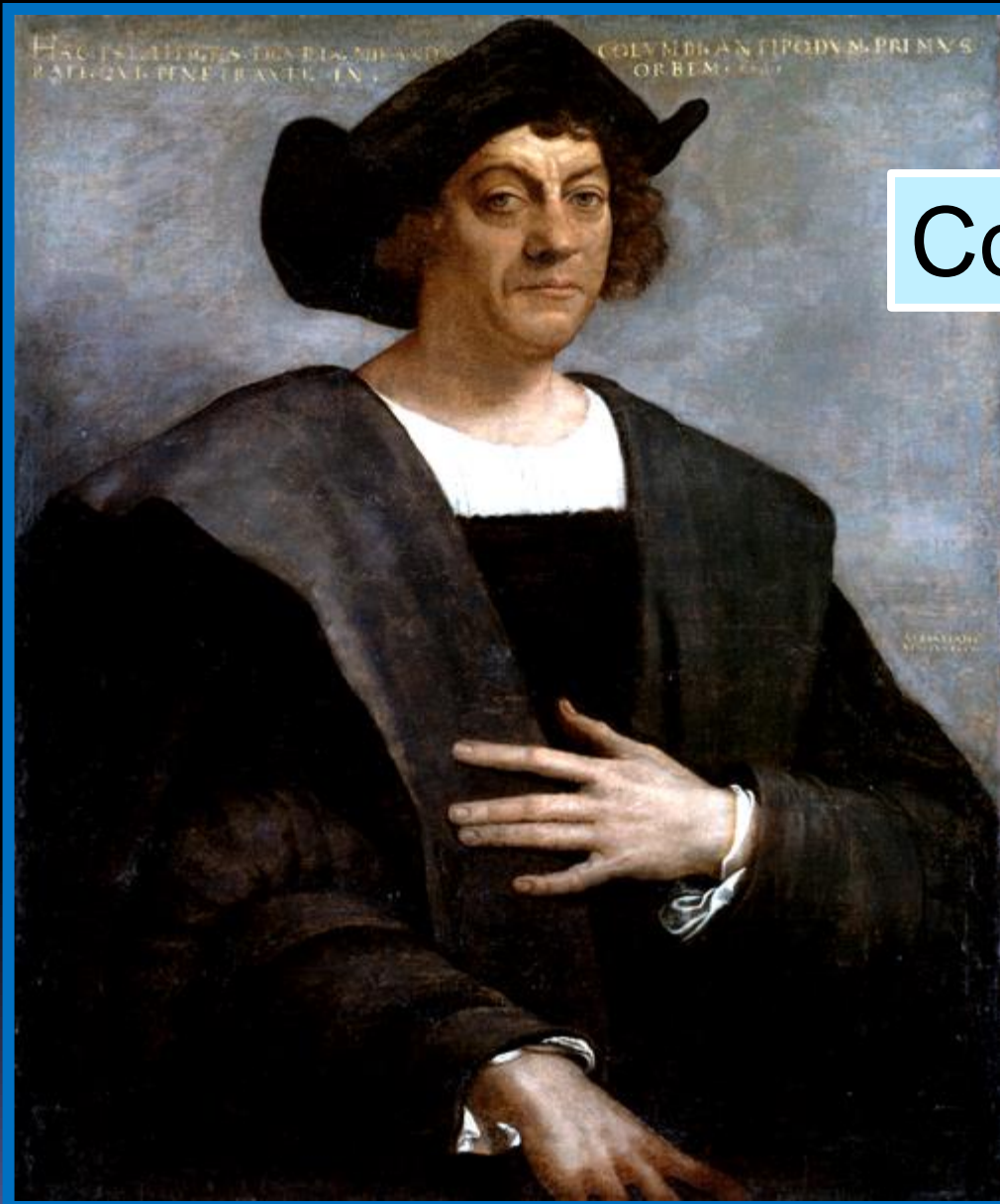
Moors



Granada - 1492

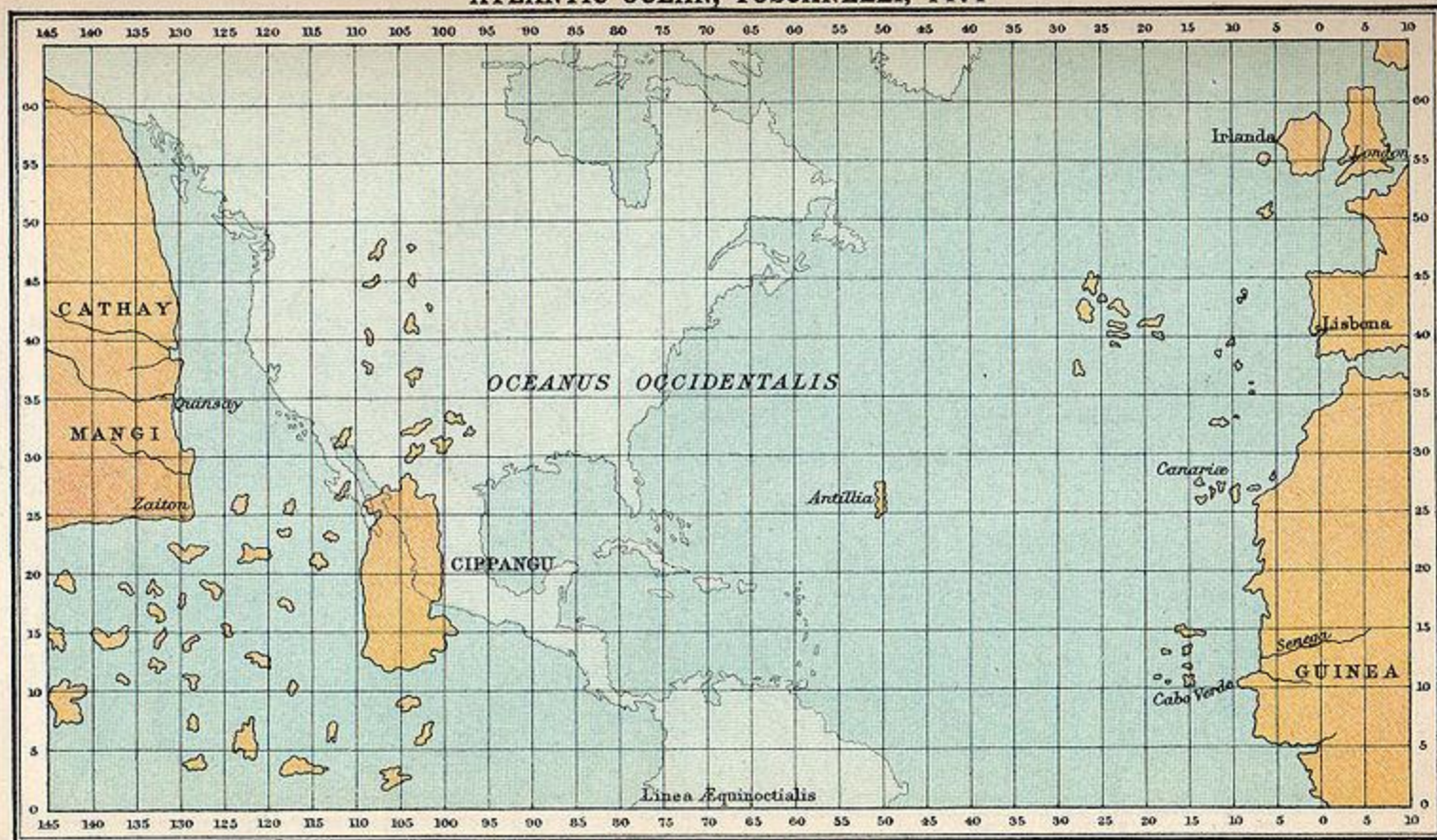


“Reconquista”



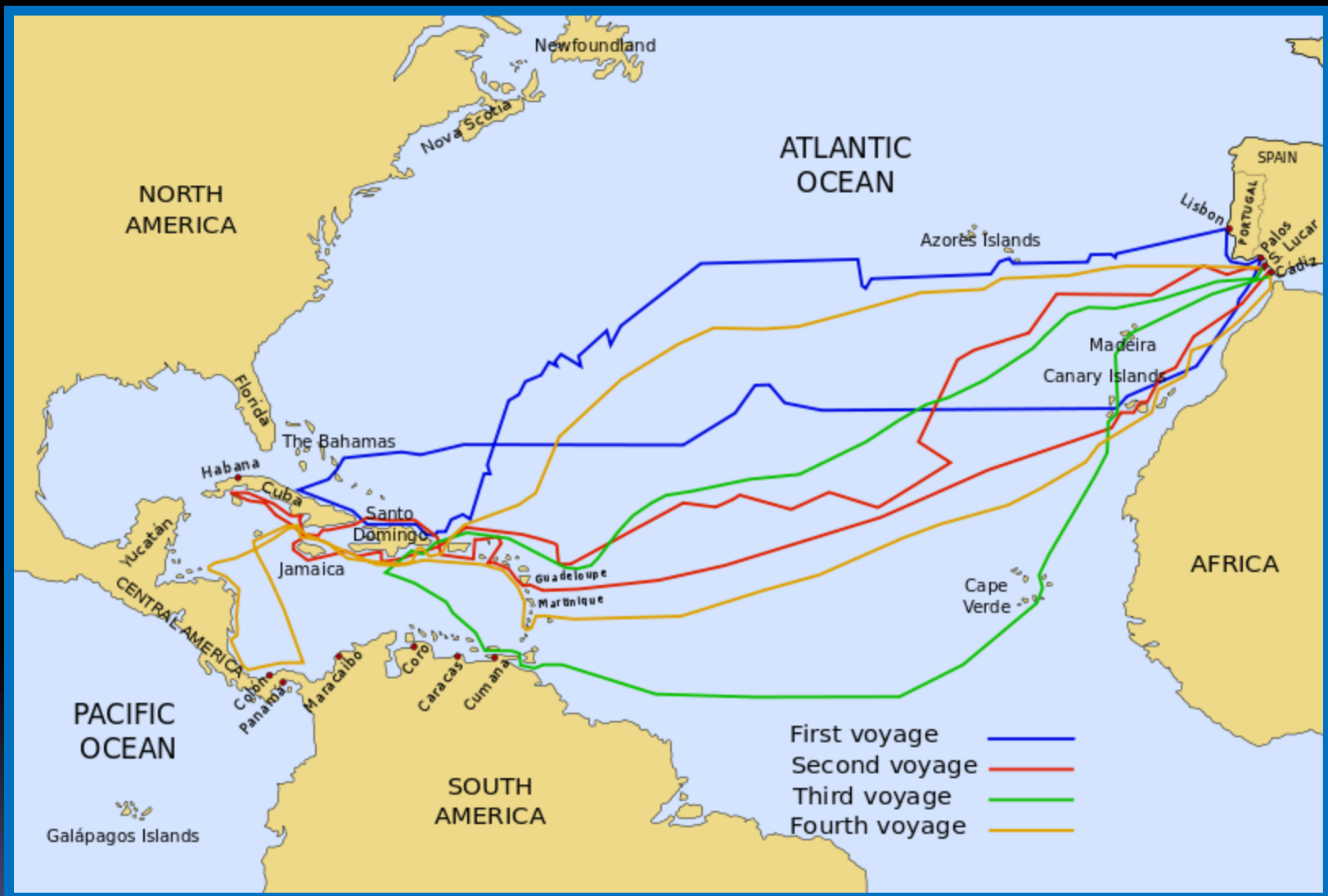
Columbus

ATLANTIC OCEAN, TOSCANELLI, 1474



The Correct outline of North America is shown in light blue tint

John Bartholomew & Co., Edinb.

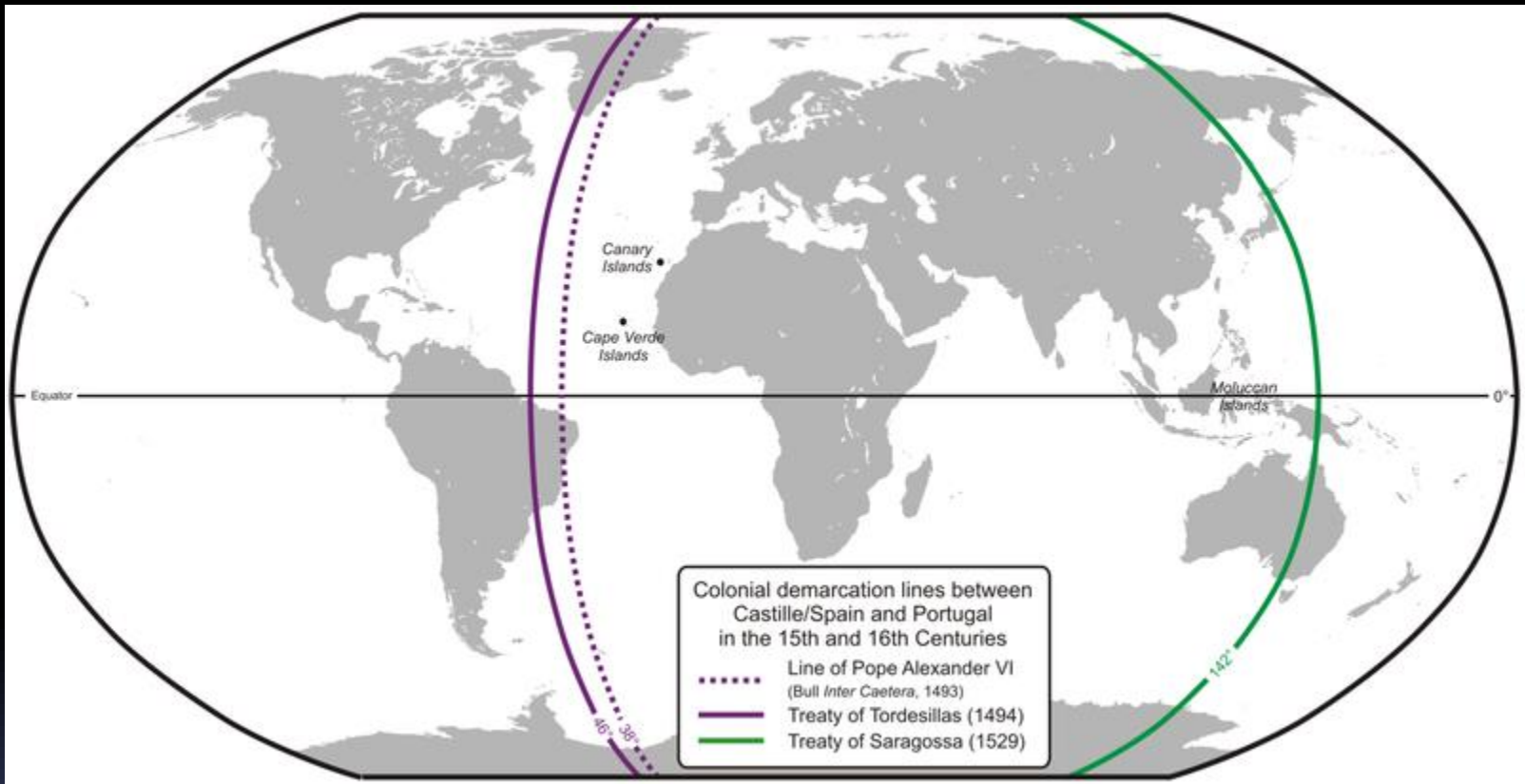


Amerigo Vespucci



Treaty of Tordesillas - 1494





Spanish Empire



Portuguese Empire

