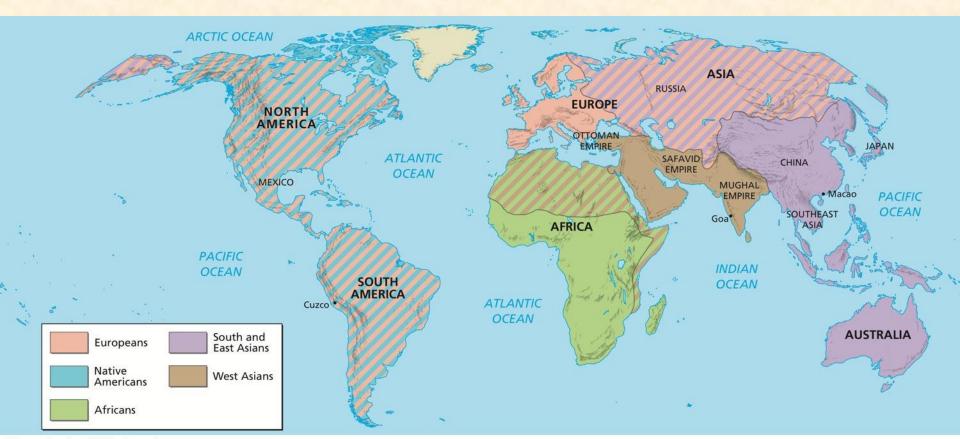


## Chapter 22 A Larger World Opens





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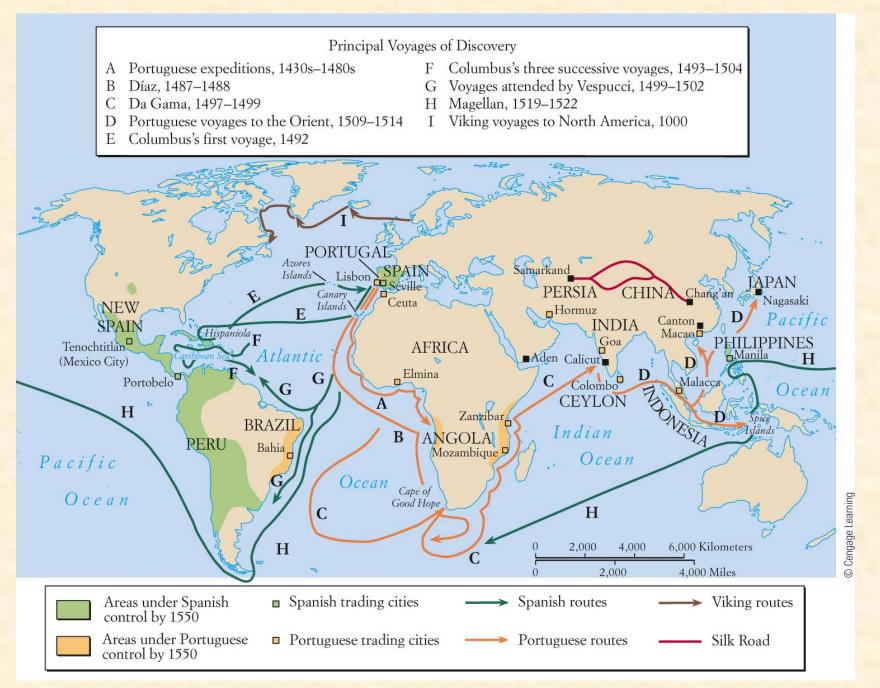
Mid-1400s	Portuguese begin voyages of exploration
1492	Christopher Columbus reaches Americas
1498	Vasco da Gama arrives in India
Early 1500s	Transatlantic slave trade begins
1519–1540	Spanish conquer Aztecs and Incans
1522	First circumnavigation of globe completed
1602	Dutch East India Company founded

### European Overseas Expansion

- Early Viking voyages
- Too risky for permanent expansion
- Scandinavian population small
- Motives
- Missionary Impulse
- Wealth
- Initial Consequences
- Americas radically and permanently changed
- Threat to Asia, Africa and Polynesia not recognized until the 18<sup>th</sup> century

### Maritime Exploration in the 1400s

- Major technological advances changed maritime commerce:
  - Magnetic compass, astrolabe, navigational charts
  - New hull designs, sail riggings
  - Innovations were originally from Chinese, Muslims
- Eastern Hemisphere was becoming known from Marco Polo and silk trade
- Trade was disrupted
  - First by Turks, then Mongols
  - Constantinople was conquered, closed land routes
  - Europeans now more interested in sea routes to East



# Overseas Empire and its Effects: Portuguese Pioneers

- Prince Henry the Navigator (d. 1460) sponsored exploratory voyages:
  - Initially down west coast of Africa
  - 1488 Bartolomeo Diaz rounds Cape of Good Hope
  - Vasco Da Gama reaches India a decade later
  - Pedro Alvarez Cabral blown off course, reaches Brazil
- Set up string of fortified stations called factories
- Means: Canon-armed ships built for naval battles
- Dutch competition, Portuguese incorporation into Spa in, put end to Portuguese exploration
  - Remaining territories: Angola, Kongo, Mozambique, Macao,
     Goa, Brazil

### Spanish Empire in the Americas

- Greater success because of large domestic base and discovery of precious metals in the Americas
- Discoveries and conquests
  - Columbus: Headed west in mistaken belief that ocean to Asia not that wide "discovered America."
    - Refused to accept that America was a continent
  - America named after later explorer Amerigo Vespucci
  - Cortez conquered Mexico
  - Spain controls most of South and Central America, South and Southwest of what is now the US
  - Magellan leads expedition to circumnavigate the world
- Motives God, glory and gold
- Spanish crown became extremely wealthy, powerful
- Spanish colonized holdings in the Americas, developed multiracial society



### African Slave Trade Opens

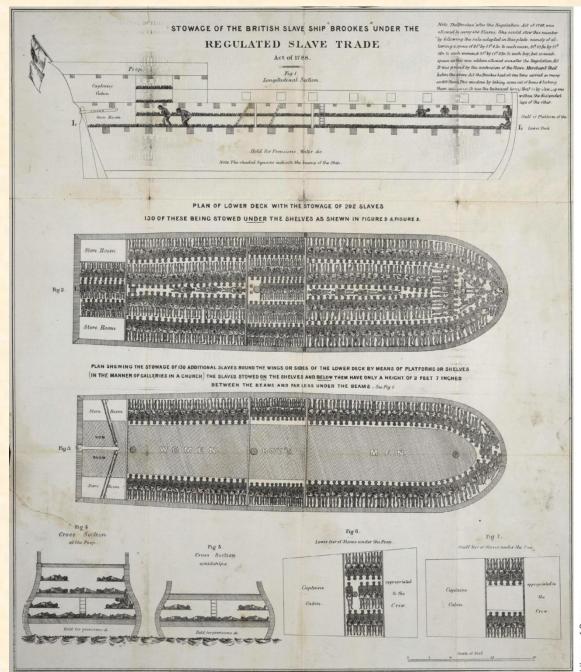
- Small scale until slaves began being shipped across the Atlantic
  - Domestic slaves sold to European nobility
- Portuguese, Dutch, French, English all took part in the trade
  - sugar plantations
- Racial mixing in Spanish, Portuguese colonies
  - Mestizos
  - Mulattos

### Merchant-Adventurers: Dutch

- Becomes independent from Spain in late 16<sup>th</sup> century
- Sought to establish monopoly in SE Asia
- Asian suppliers preferred to deal with Dutch Protestants
  - No desire to be missionaries
    - Focused on East Indies spice and luxury trade
- Settler Colonies
- South Africa
- New Amsterdam (New York)
- Sugar plantation in Caribbean and Brazil
- Dutch East India Company
- government chartered
- Joint stockholders share risks, profits

## Merchant-Adventurers: English and French

- England
- London East India Company established 1600
- Becomes leading naval power after defeat of Dutch 1650's and 1660's
  - Concentrates on India after failed attempt to break Dutch monopoly in SE Asia
  - Colonies in the Americas
  - North America destination for religious dissidents, convicts
  - Slave plantations in the Caribbean
- France
  - Relatively late
  - Operated in Canada, West Africa, India





- Economic theory that country's wealth depends on a favorable trade balance
  - Exports should exceed imports
  - Increase gold and silver reserves
- Royal government intervened in markets, supervised commerce and investments
- Colonies could only import goods and services from home country
- Colonies' exports could only go to home country
- Colonies functioned as providers of raw materials, markets for finished goods

### Columbian Exchange

- European livestock, iron, firearms went to New World
- Also, products and influences went the other direction
- New attitudes:
  - Tales of discovery and conquest became popular
  - Began to develop some tolerance of other peoples' views – idea of "Noble Savage"

### Columbian Exchange

- Changes in Europe
  - Sugarcane and rice plantations based on slavery supplied European market
  - New crops: tobacco, beans, potatoes, rice, maize, bananas
  - Most important crop for Europe was potato, which became staple of peasant diet
- Financial change
  - Influx of bullion caused massive inflation
  - Spain paid foreign suppliers rather than investing domestically
  - Middle class profited
  - Landholders suffered from inflation, bankruptcy, abolition of serfdom



### European Impact on the World

#### Africa

- Slave trade undermined social and political structures
- Civilizations of Kongo and Ngola destroyed
- Other states like Dahomey depended on slave trade
- Lost youngest and productive members of society
- Frequency and level of violent conflict increased

#### Fate of Amerindians

- Lack of immunity to European diseases
- Influenza, measles, small pox,
- Epidemics wipe out 80-90% of the population



- First seen when Africans appeared in European society as slaves
- Seen as novelties, tokens of wealth
- Mental connection between black and evil
- Racism comes to justify slave-trade



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