

The Age of Exploration Resources

GENERAL:

- ["The Connection Between Medieval and Renaissance Expansion" - historian, Seymour Phillips](#)
- **map** - "The Americas Before Columbus: 1450"
- "A New Europe" - lecture notes by Prof. Gerhard Rempel (Western New England College)
- NM's Creative Impulse - The Development of Civilization - The Americas (mucho links)
- Sir Francis Drake

DISCOVERY PHASE:

- 1492 - An Ongoing Voyage
- Cities of Gold - The Search for El Dorado (PBS series on "The West")
- **The Columbian Exchange**
- Columbus & the Age of Discovery
- [The Columbus Navigation Home Page](#)
- The Conquistadors (PBS)
- "The 'Crimes' of Christopher Columbus" - Dinesh D'Souza
- [Discoverers Web](#)

- European Voyages of Exploration - The 15c and 16c
- Incas and Conquistadors
- Latitude - The Art & Science of 15c Navigation
- map - "Portuguese Explorations"
- map - "The First Voyage of Columbus"
- map - "Spanish & Portuguese Exploration, 1400-1600"
- map - "Voyages of Discovery and World Empires, 1550"
- ["Measles and Smallpox as an Allied Army of the Conquistadors of America"](#)
- ["Plagues & Peoples - The Columbian Exchange" - essay by Dr. Ian Carr](#)
- Prince Henry, the Navigator
- [Spanish Exploration & the Conquest of Native America](#)

EARLY COLONIZATION:

- "The Conquest of the New World- A 19th Century View" - historian, William Smyth
- "The Conquest of the New World- A Late 20th Century View" - historian, Norman Davies
- [Cultural Readings - Colonization and Print in the Americas](#)
- map - "Audiencias of the Viceroyalty of New Spain: 1650"
- map - "Audiencias of the Viceroyalty of Peru: 1650"
- map - "European Empires-1660"

- New Spain - The Frontiers of Faith
- Spanish Colonial Administration (web chart)
- Spanish Conquest

NEW GLOBAL TRADE NETWORK:

- The Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas: A Visual Record
 - "Beginning of the Transatlantic Slave Trade" - historian, Paul Lovejoy
 - "The Great Food Migration" - *Newsweek*, 1991 (special issue)
 - **map** - "The African Diaspora"
 - **map** - "The Atlantic Slave Trade"
 - **map** - "The Dutch Empire and Trade Routes"
 - **map** - "Portuguese Empires in Asia: 1600s"
 - The Slave Trade (Spartacus)
 - Sub-Saharan Africa, Slavery and European Trade
 - Trade Products in Early Modern History
 - "A Traditional Analysis of the Slave Trade" - historian, James Pope-Hennessy
 - Where Food Crops Originated - Seeds of Change Garden
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Primary Source Documents:

[Web Links](#)↑

How to read a primary source document
Why Study History Through Primary Sources

- **1400: Painting, "Pepper Harvest" - African slaves at Work in the East Indies**
- **1466: Mid-15c European World Map**
- **1489: Map of the World (British Museum)**
- **1492: Privileges and Prerogatives Granted by Their Catholic Majesties to Christopher Columbus**
- **1494: Columbus' Letter to the King and Queen of Spain**
- **1497-98: Vasco da Gama: Round Africa to India**
- **16c: Theodore De Bry's Copper Engravings**
- **1511-20: King Ferdinand's Letter to the Tainos**
- **1512-13: Laws of Burgos**
- **1519: An Aztec Account of the Spanish Conquest of America**
- **1519-1522: Magellan's Voyage Round the World**
- **1520: Cortez' Second Letter to Charles V**
- **1526: Map of South America in the time of Pizarro**
- **1529: Royal Contract for the Conquest of Peru**
- **1537: *Sublemus Dei* - Pope Paul III's encyclical on slavery**
- **1542: The New Laws of the Indies**

- 1543: [Letter from India, to the Society of Jesus at Rome - St. Francis Xavier](#)
- 1550: [Silver at Potosi](#)
- 1560: ["In Defense of the Indians-The Sermon of Father Montesinos" - Bartolomé de Las Casas in his book, *History of the Indies*](#)
- 1564-1565: [The English Enter the Atlantic Slave Trade](#)
- 1580s: [various engravings of Theodor De Bry - click on each title midway down the page](#)
- 1580: ["On Cannibals" - Michel de Montaigne](#)
- 1595: [Letter from a Basque Miner in Potosí to a Merchant in Seville](#)
- late 16c: [Matteo Ricci - A Jesuit Mission to China](#)
- 1613: [An Englishman's Perception of Southern Africa](#)
- 1614: [A Contract for African Slaves](#)
- 1700: [An Eyewitness Describes the Slave Trade in Guinea](#)
- 1713: ["The Geographer" - painting by Johannes Vermeer](#)