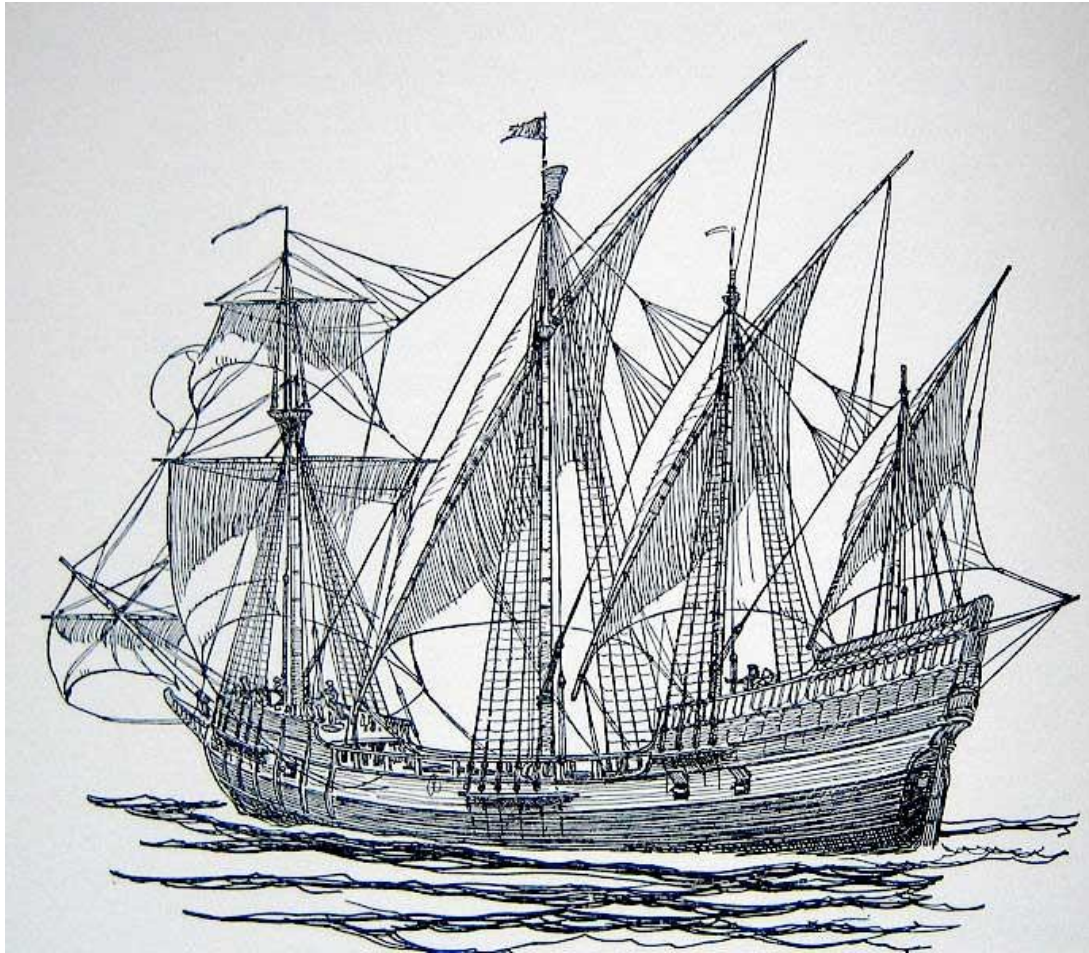


Explorers



Lesson 1



Marco Polo



- Wrote *The Travels of Marco Polo*
 - Many Europeans wanted to go to Cathay (China).
 - Interested in the riches Marco Polo talked about
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New Technology

- Prince Henry of Portugal opened a school of Navigation.
- Improved the compass and the astrolabe.
- Improved maps
- Learned how to sail a new ship called the caravel.
 - Long, narrow ship



More of the World to Discover

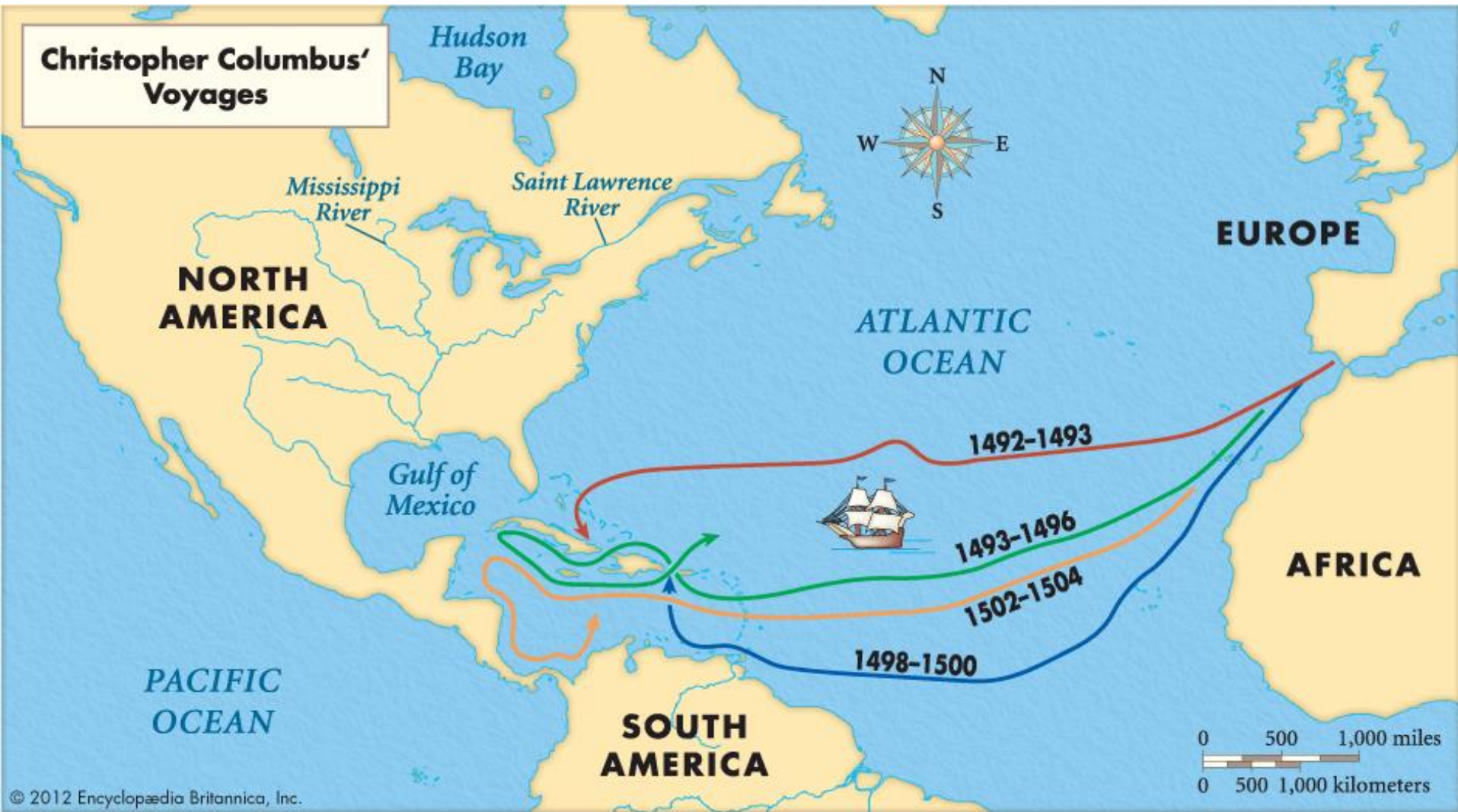
- Few Europeans knew there were other continents besides Europe.
- Leif Erickson led a group called the Vikings to Norway.
- Europeans traded with Africa.

Christopher Columbus

A painting depicting Christopher Columbus on a tropical beach. Columbus, wearing a white cap and a dark tunic, stands in the center, looking towards the right. He is surrounded by several Taino people, some of whom are seated on the ground. The background shows a lush tropical landscape with palm trees and a blue sky. The overall scene is set on a sandy beach with a body of water visible in the distance.

- Believed he could reach Asia by sailing west across the ocean.
- King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella supported Columbus's trip if he converted the people he encountered to the Catholic religion.
- On October 12, 1492 Columbus, with his 3 ships landed on San Salvador.
 - Thought he was in Asia
 - Met Taino tribe

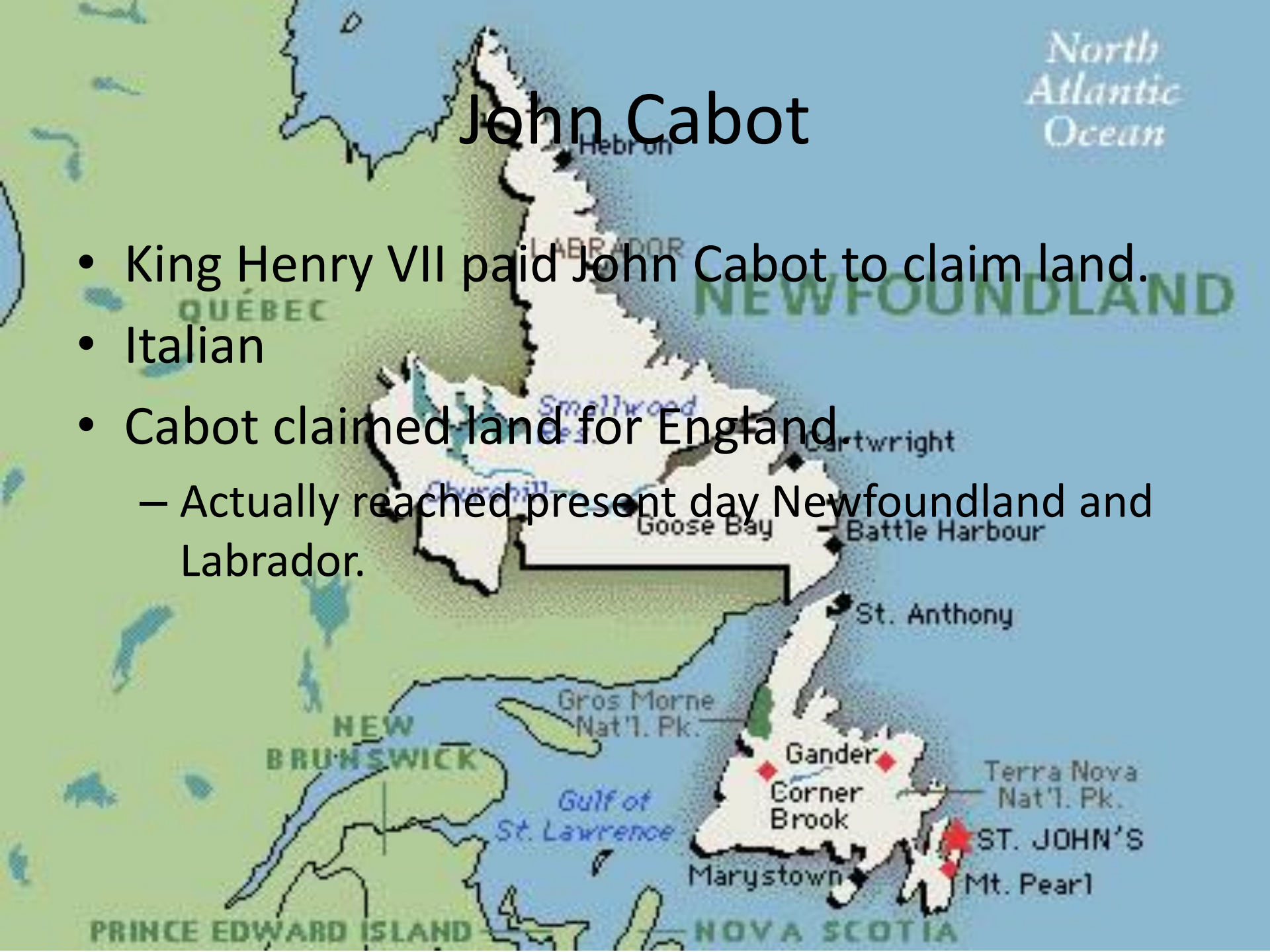
Route Columbus took



Lesson 2

John Cabot

- King Henry VII paid John Cabot to claim land.
- Italian
- Cabot claimed land for England.
 - Actually reached present day Newfoundland and Labrador.



Amerigo Vespucci

- Didn't believe Columbus and Cabot found Asia.
- Martin Waldseemüller drew a map of the new land and named it America after Vespucci.

Vasco Núñez de Balboa



- One of the first Europeans to settle in America.
- Farmed on Hispaniola.
- Fled Hispaniola and started settlement in Panama.
- Traveled from South to North America by the isthmus.

Ferdinand Magellan

- Portuguese explorer

