



1. Gold (Money)

A desire for new ways to become rich was the main reason for European exploration.

Merchants began looking for quick direct trade routes to Asia. Italian merchants

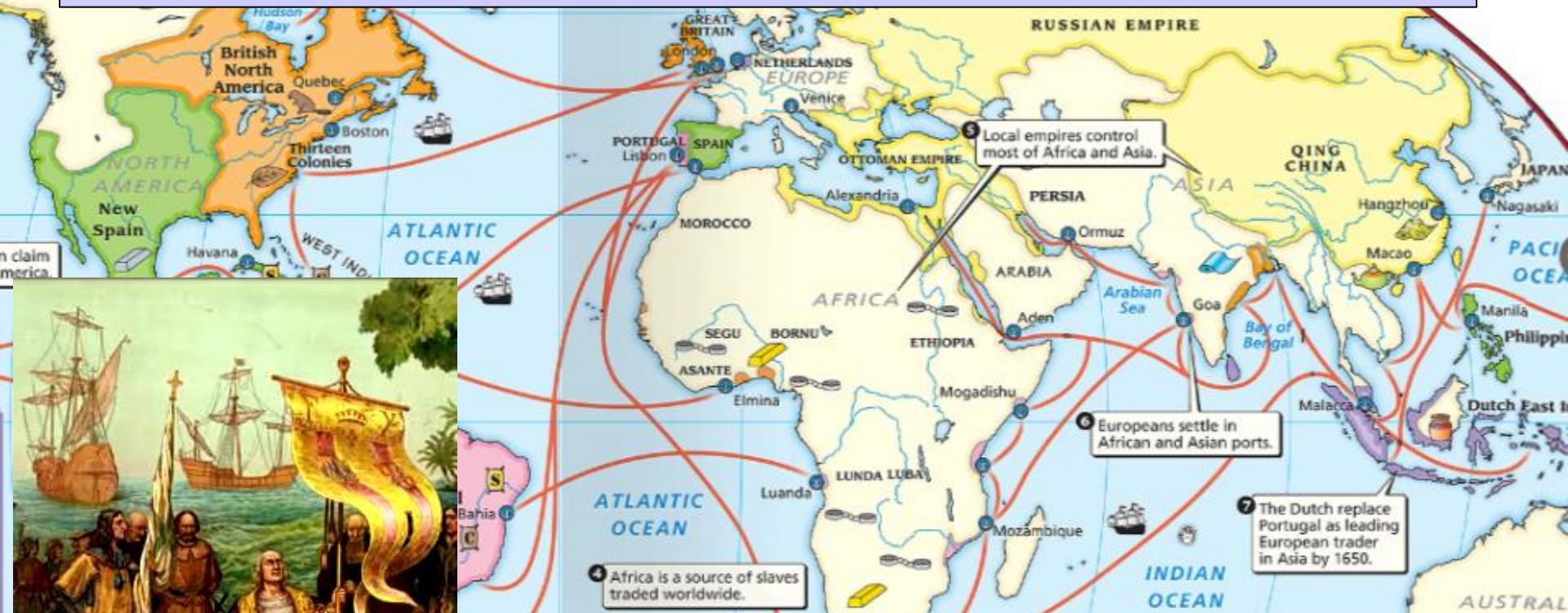


 Gold	 Perfume
 Silver	 Spices
 Precious stones	 Cotton
 Ivory	 Silk
 Porcelain	 Trade route

What is a merchant?
Merchant = a person who buys and sells things for profit

2. Glory

Kings sponsored voyages of exploration to different parts of the unknown world. **The kings gained overseas colonies, new sources of wealth for their country, & increased power.**



Exploration presented Europeans the opportunity to rise from poverty and gain fame, fortune, & status.

3. God

European Christians, especially Catholics, wanted to spread the Christian faith, and convert non-Christians to their religion.

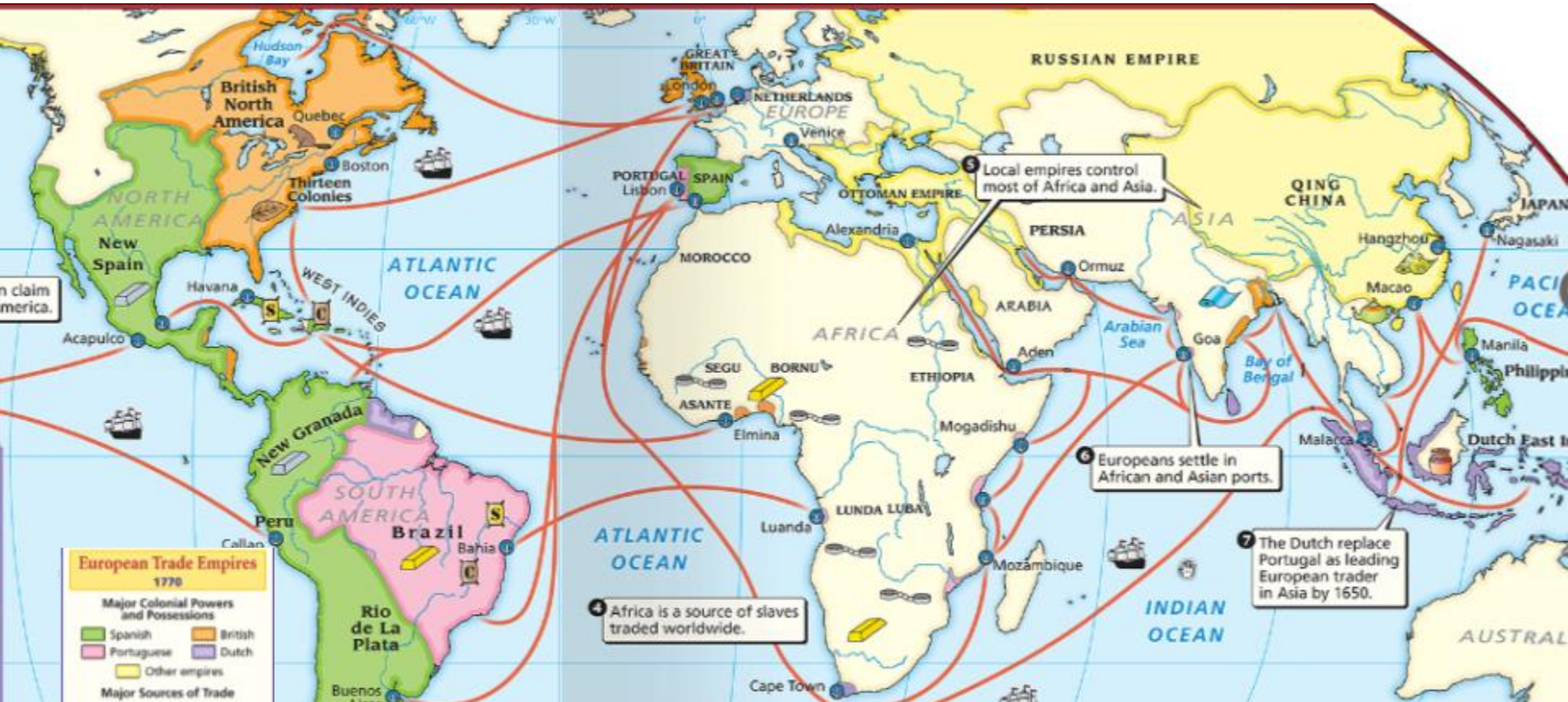


Explorers were encouraged to spread Christianity or bring missionaries with them to spread the word of God.



Means:

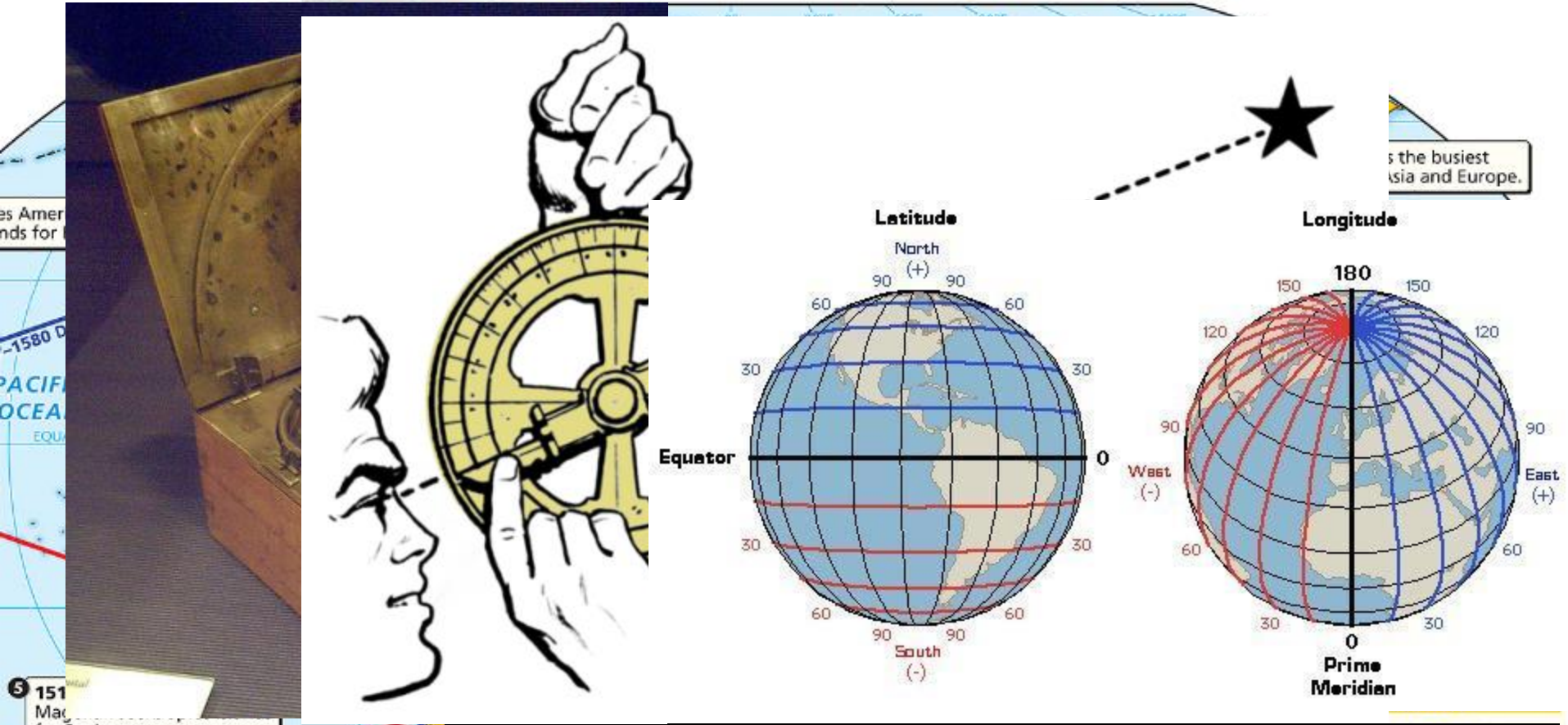
How were explorers able to sail so far & make it back again?



Before the Renaissance, sailors did not have the technology to sail very far from Europe & return

Navigation

Trade & interacting with different cultures during the Renaissance introduced new navigation techniques to Europeans

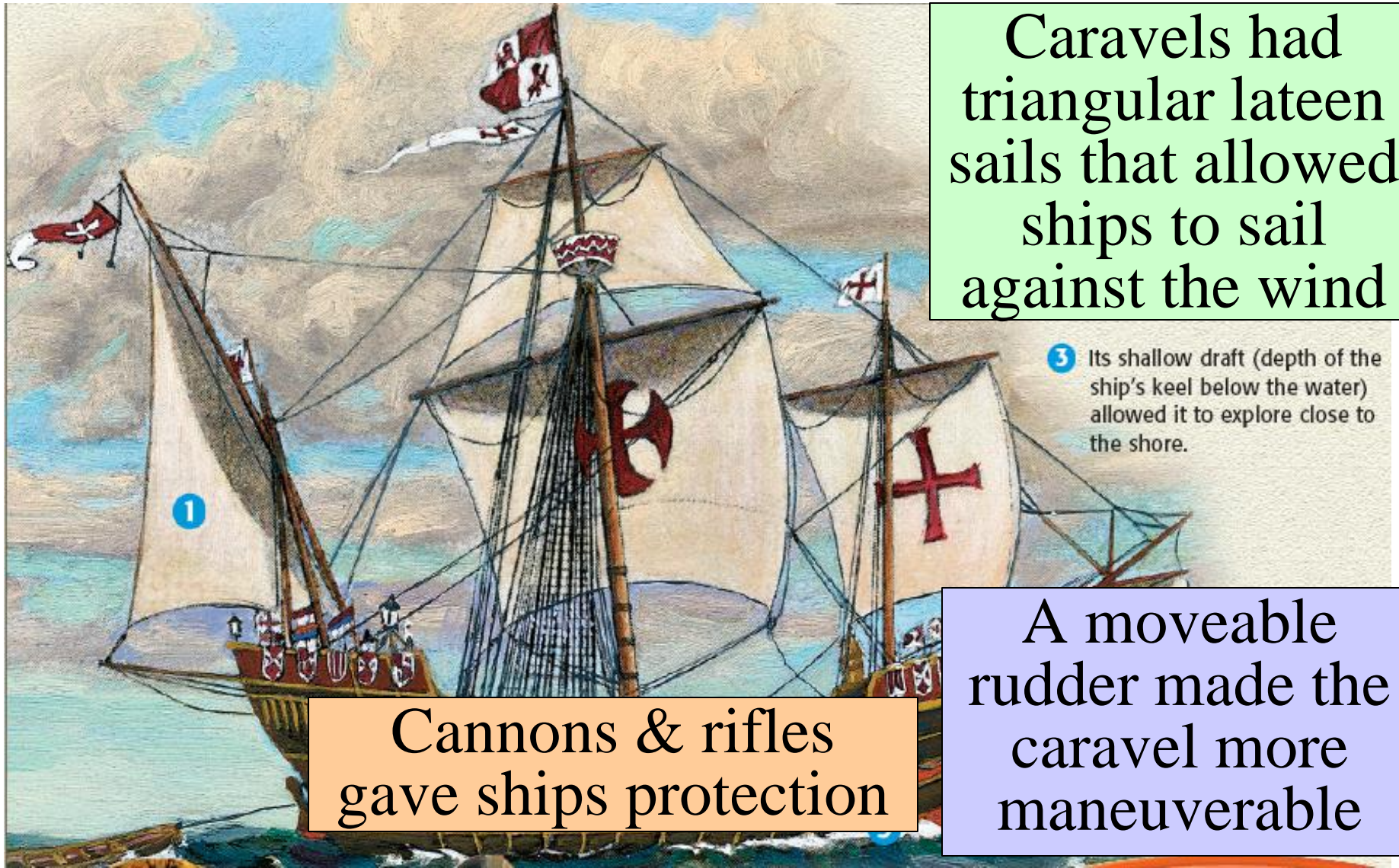


Magnetic compass sailing more

Astrolabe to show

Maps were more accurate and used longitude & latitude

European shipbuilders built better ships;
the caravel was a strong ship that could travel
in the open seas & in shallow water



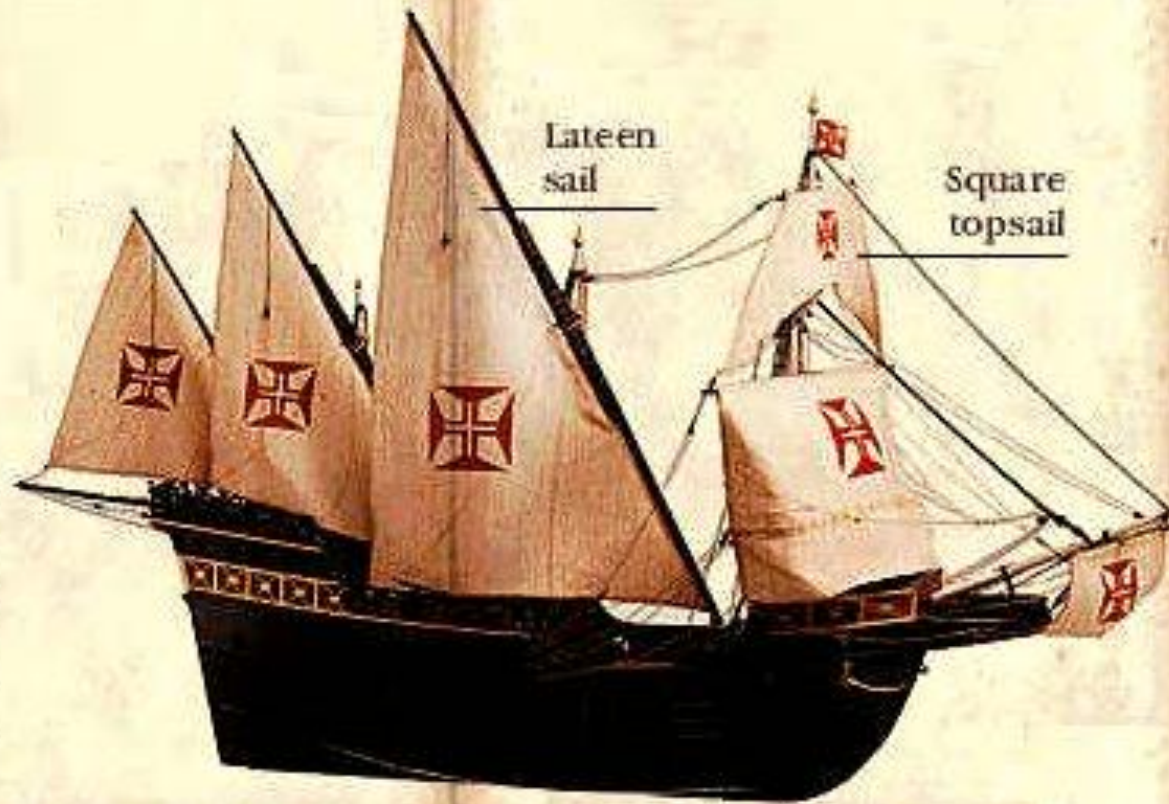
Caravels had
triangular lateen
sails that allowed
ships to sail
against the wind

3 Its shallow draft (depth of the ship's keel below the water) allowed it to explore close to the shore.

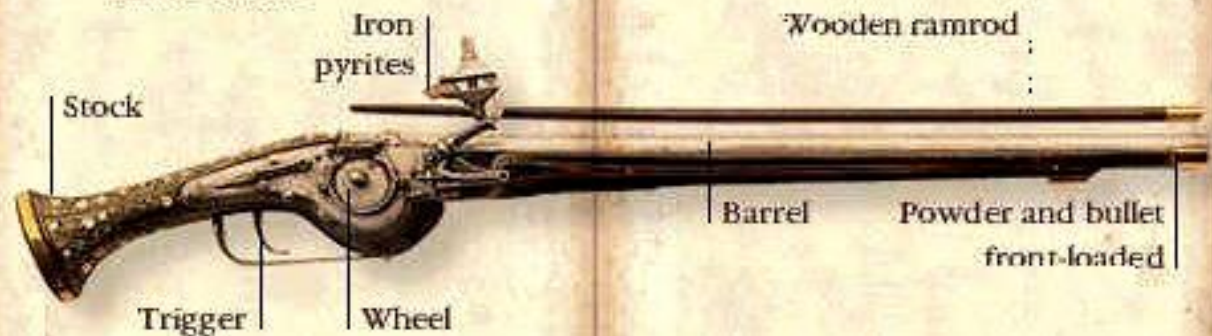
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Cannons & rifles
gave ships protection

A moveable
rudder made the
caravel more
maneuverable

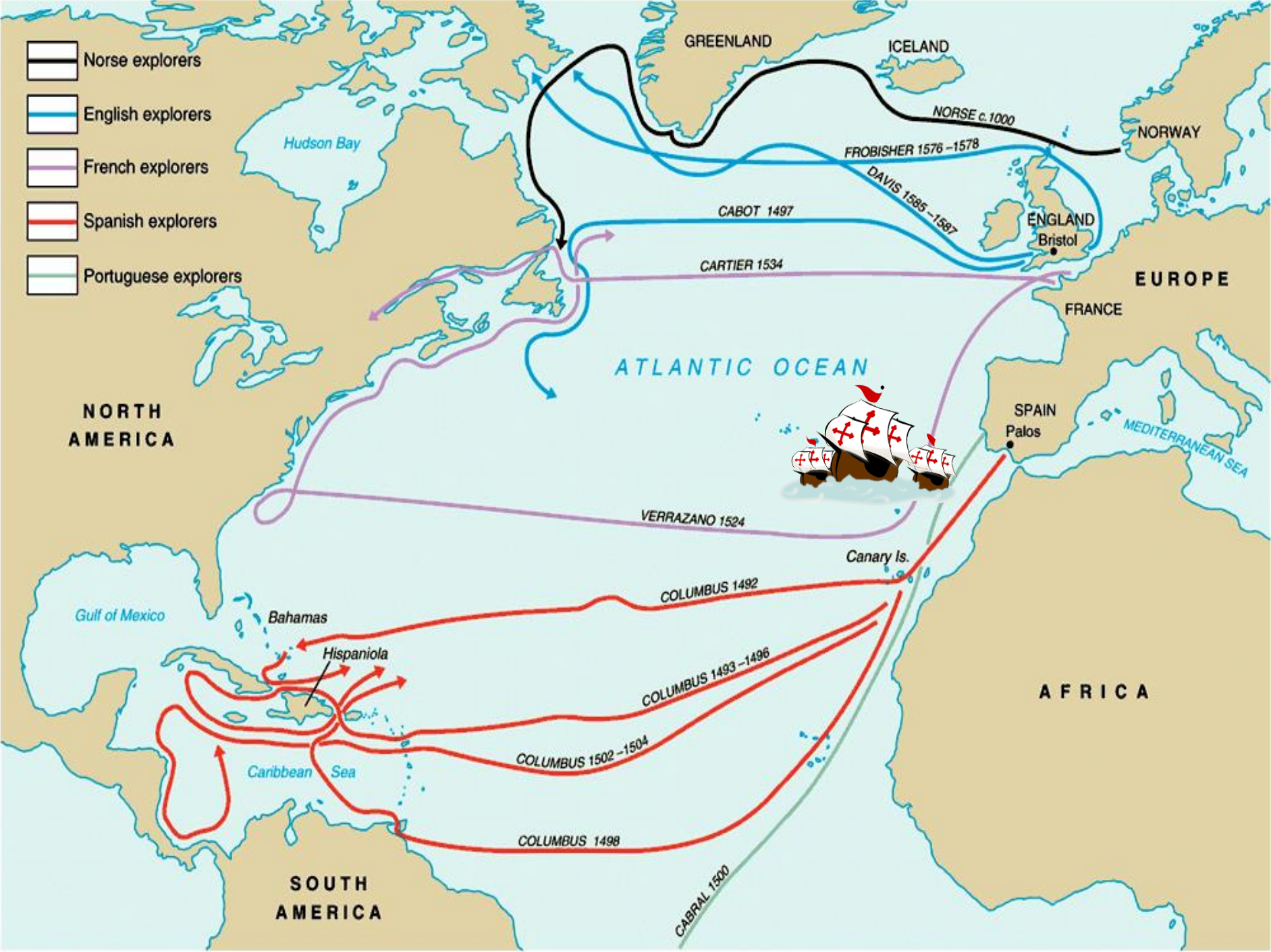
CARAVEL
Portuguese
navigators
of the 1400s
sailed in
caravels.



WHEEL LOCK
This wheel-lock pistol was
made in northern Europe



-  Norse explorers
-  English explorers
-  French explorers
-  Spanish explorers
-  Portuguese explorers



In Portugal, Prince Henry the Navigator started a school of navigation to train sailors.

He brought in Europe's best map-makers, ship-builders, & sailing instructors to Portugal.

Prince Henry wanted to discover new territories, find a quick trade route to Asia, & expand Portugal's power.

Portugal was the early leader in the Age of Exploration.

Can anyone find Portugal on the map?

