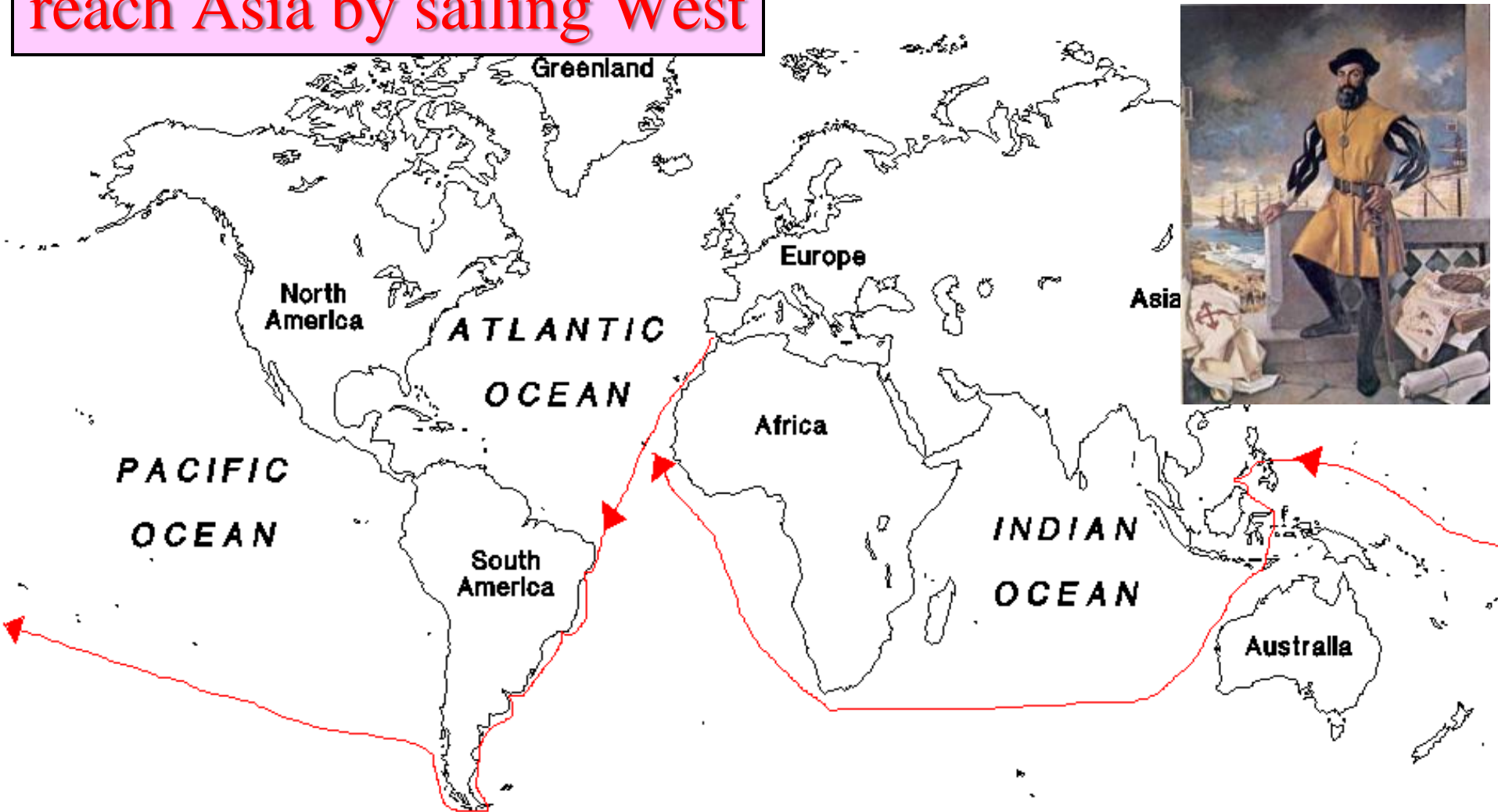


Despite the fact that Columbus never found Asia, **Ferdinand Magellan still thought he could reach Asia by sailing West**

**Magellan became the first explorer to circumnavigate the Earth (go all the way around)**



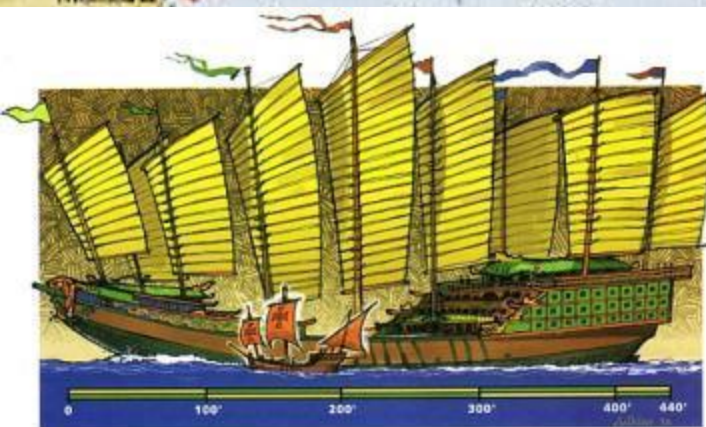
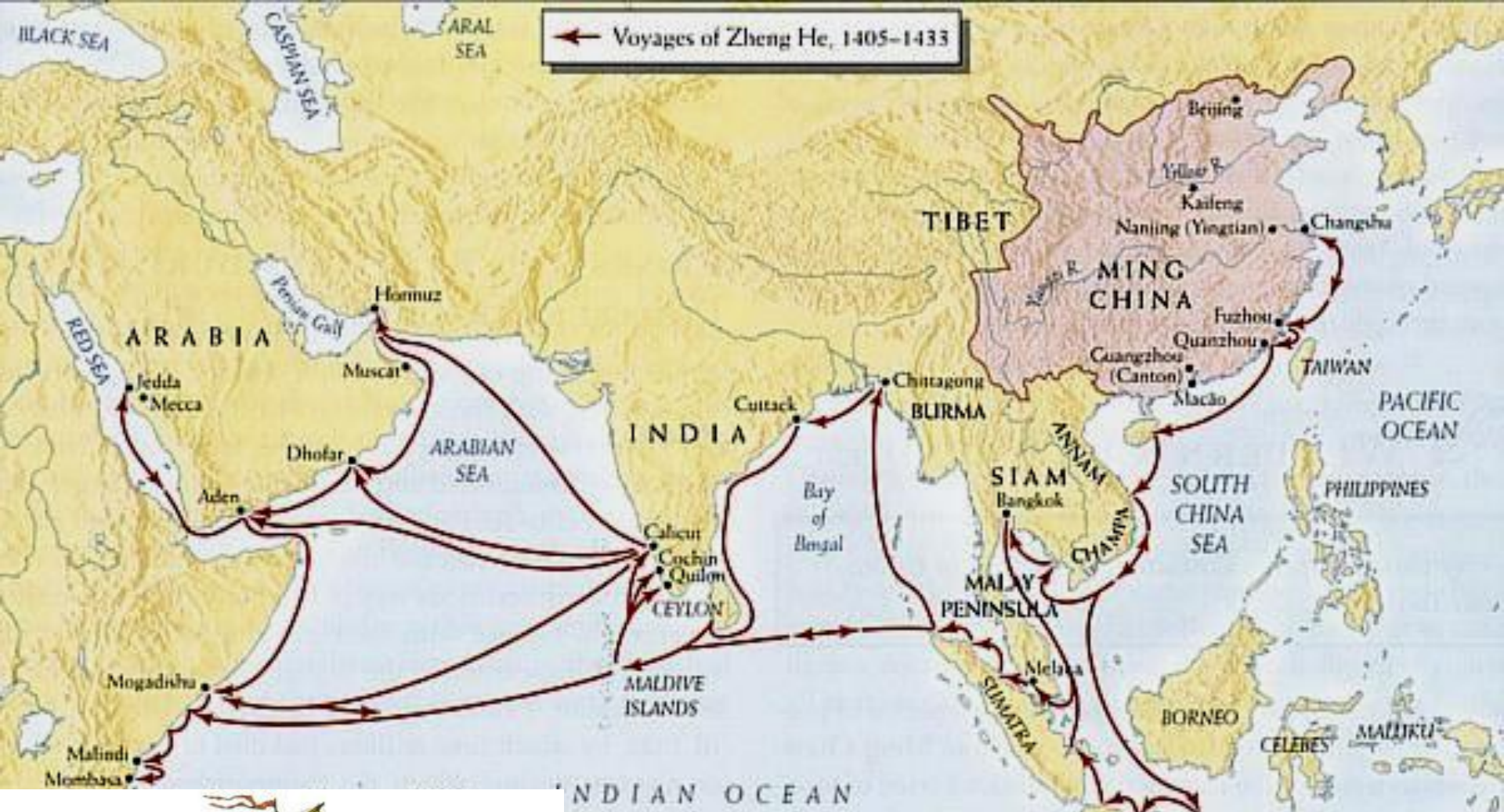
# European Colonization

- Once the New World is discovered during the Age of Exploration, four (4) European countries began competing for control of North America and the world....
  - Spain
  - England
  - France
  - Portugal
- This power struggle ultimately leads to several wars.

Europeans were not the first to explore the oceans in search of new trade routes.



Islamic merchants explored the Indian Ocean & had dominated the Asian spice trade for centuries before European exploration even started.



From 1405 to 1433, **Zheng He** led the Chinese treasure fleet on 7 expeditions to Southeast Asia, India, & Africa during the Ming Dynasty.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7Te\\_hDj3wI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7Te_hDj3wI)

But in the late 1400s, the **European sailors did what neither Muslim nor Chinese explorers could: begin global (not regional) exploration & create colonies to increase their wealth & power.**

