Atlantic World Piracy
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Setting the Stage for Atlantic Exploration from Iberia: Al-Andalus and the Reconquista
The Age of Exploration

Map Key:
- Spice route (1000-15th century)
- Silk route (1000-16th century)
- Salt and gold routes (500-15th century)
- Portuguese trade route (15th-16th century)
- Columbus, 1st journey (1492)
- Columbus, 2nd journey (1493-1496)
- Columbus, 3rd journey (1498)
- Various trade routes

Note: All routes shown on map are approximate.

Africa
- Salt Cones
- Pepper
- Cinnamon
- Rubies
- Ivory
- Gold
- Allspice
- Nutmeg

Asia
- China
- Porcelain
- Moluccas
- Cloves
- India
- Silk
- India and China
- Ginger

North America
- Caribbean Isle

South America
- South America

Europe
- Europe
- Atlantic Ocean

Africa
- Africa
- Cape of Good Hope

Australia
- Australia

Caribbean Isle
- Caribbean Isle

Pacific Ocean
- Pacific Ocean

Indian Ocean
- Indian Ocean

Greenland
- Greenland

Arctic Ocean
- Arctic Ocean

Map Key
- Compass

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A Spanish state secret: Juan de la Cosa’s Map of the Atlantic World, the first of its kind, 1500
Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596): English sea captain, privateer, slave trader, naval officer and explorer of the Elizabethan era.
1588
Piet Pieterszoon Heyn 1577-1629
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Asiento
When is a “slave contract” not a slave contract?
MERCANTILISM & Asiento
Privateer, Pirate, Freebooter, Buccaneer, Sailor, Seaman, Interloper, Corsair, Jack Tar