

THE ARRIVAL OF COLUMBUS

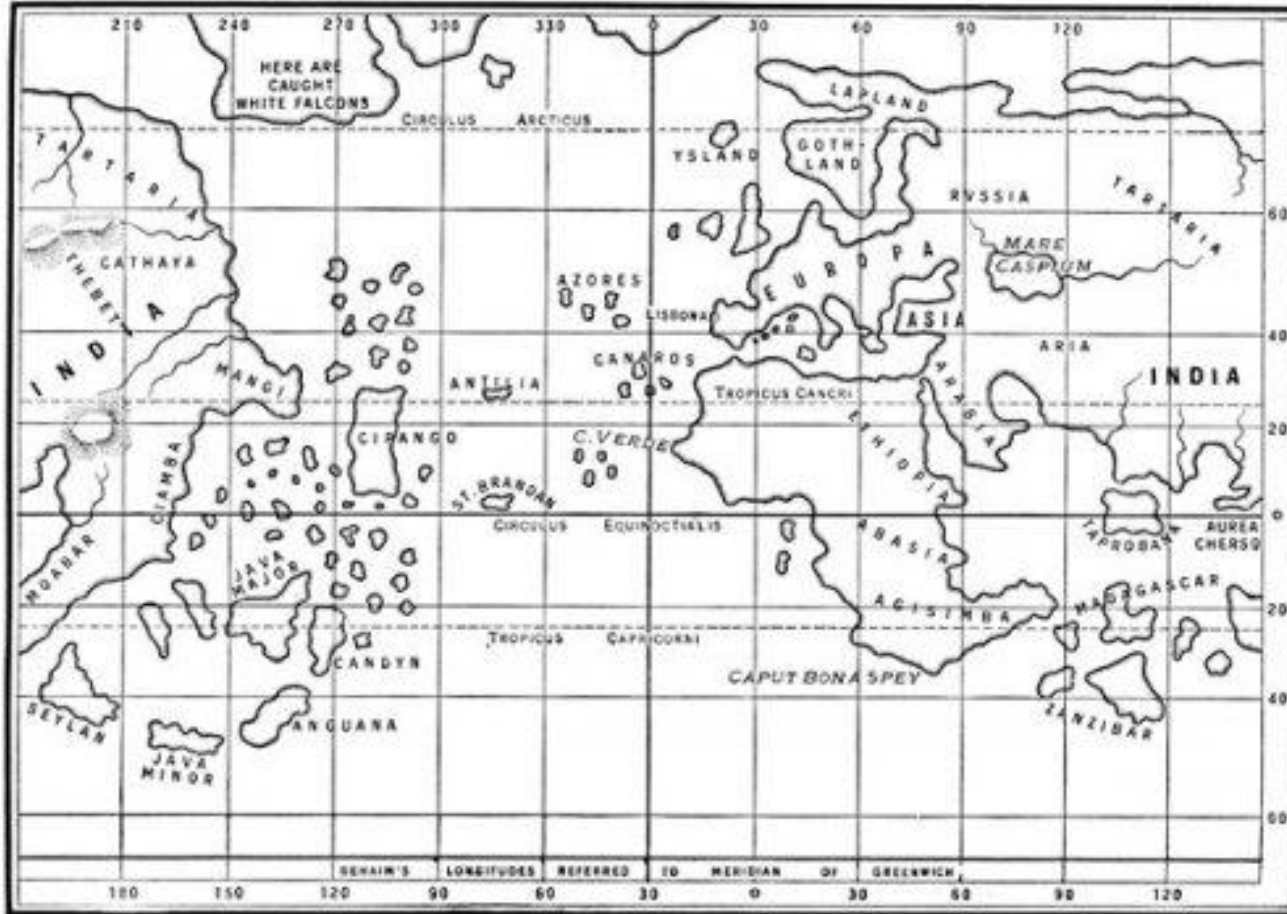
SETTING THE STAGE



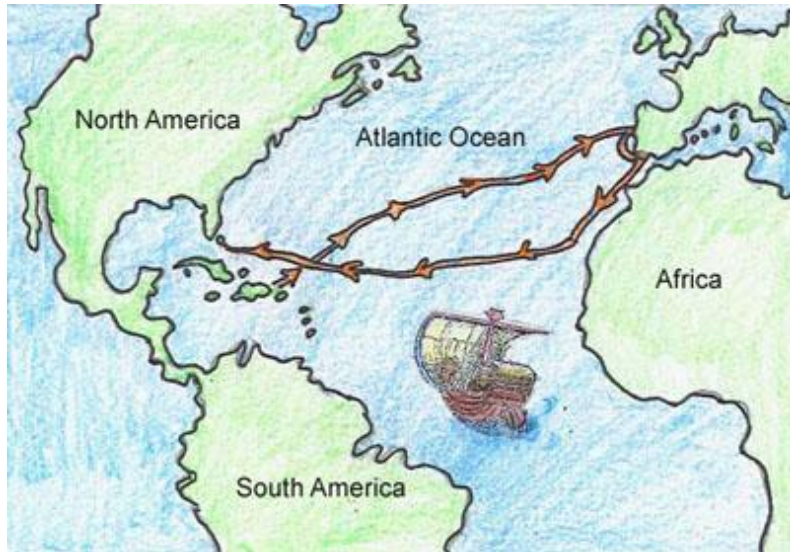
- The Age of Discovery
 - European Nations seeking water route to Asia
 - Gold, silk, jewels and spices were main imports
- Columbus and other educated people thought the world was round and decided to prove it
- Unfortunately for him, he also thought the world was much smaller.



THE WORLD AS IMAGINED BY COLUMBUS



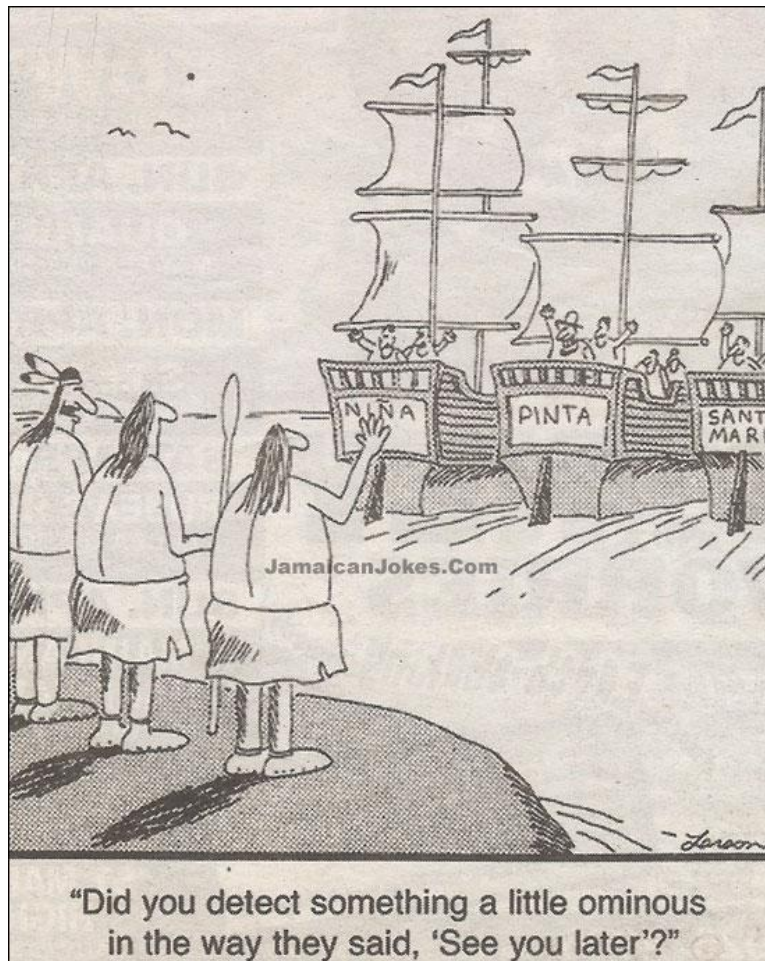
COLUMBUS' VOYAGE



- 1492 – Columbus commissioned by Queen Isabella of Spain to try to find a water route across Atlantic to Asia
- Landed in San Salvador, which he called the Indies
 - Indies – Island chain near India
- San Salvador was inhabited by peaceful people called the Arawaks



COLUMBUS' FIRST VOYAGE



- Before Columbus:
 - About 100,000 Arawaks living on the island when Columbus arrived
 - Over 500,000 throughout Islands
 - Around 20 million living in the Americas
 - Civilization was growing and new technologies were being discovered
- Columbus found people who ruled their lands peacefully with a council of Elders making decisions for the group
 - No money
 - No poverty
- Columbus was impressed and exchanged gifts with the Arawaks before leaving



COLUMBUS' SECOND VOYAGE

- "With 50 men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want."
- "We can send from here, in the name of the Holy Trinity, all the slaves and Brazil wood which could be sold."
- -Quotes from the Journals of Christopher Columbus
- On his first visit, Columbus noticed 2 things about the Arawaks
 - 1 – They had gold.
 - 2 – Their most powerful weapon was the spear.
- Columbus returned in 1493 with 17 ships and over 1500 men and women.
- Men left behind on Columbus last voyage were killed when they tried to use force to take the gold and wives of nearby Natives
- Columbus found Natives on the island of Hispaniola to have even more gold than the Arawaks he first met did



THE ARAWAK GENOCIDE BEGINS



- Columbus second crew was prepared for war
 - War horses, war dogs
 - Military equipment to spare
- Ratio of Natives to Europeans – 1: 167
 - European technology was so superior that this did not matter
- Europeans assert their power:
- Arawaks were not just attacked by Columbus and his crew, they were also:
 - burned alive;
 - cut to pieces like they were animals;
 - run down by attack dogs and torn to pieces.
- Encomienda
 - Each European settler was given a handful of adult males (and any wives and children)
 - Arawaks were then expected to find gold for their “owner”



THE ARAWAK GENOCIDE CONTINUES

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CHRISTOPHER COLOMBUS

Aliases: Christoffa Crombo, Cristobal Colon, Chrstovam Colom

DESCRIPTION

Height: 5' 11" - 6' ft
Weight: 160-180 lbs
Race: White

Hair: Auburn/Gray
Eyes: Unknown

CRIMINAL RECORD

Columbus has been convicted of slave trafficking, torture, genocide and a host of other offenses.

CAUTION

CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS
DELUSIONAL

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE IMMEDIATELY



- Columbus and his men used Arawaks for entertainment and labor
 - Arawaks were often used for target practice
 - Europeans demanded that Arawaks carry them from place to place
- Failure to meet gold or cotton tax (by anyone older than 13):
 - 1 month – torture
 - 2 months – torture
 - 3 months – hands cut off
- Thousands of Arawaks sold as slaves to Europe
- Arawaks threw gold into the ocean to keep it away from Columbus
- Mothers killed their babies
 - Birth rate fell
- By **1505** there were so few Arawaks left that Columbus's son started bringing in **slaves from Africa**



COLUMBUS DAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013!



- So, why do we celebrate Columbus Day?
 - He wasn't the first European to discover the Americas (Remember Leif Erickson?)
 - BUT
 - Europeans remained a presence in the Americas after Columbus (and they still are today)

