Early Attempts at Discovery

- St. Brendan's Journey (5th C)
- "Blessed island" with vegetation
- Stories of strange beasts and peoples
- Medieval maps show "Ibernia" (Ireland) for West
- Norse (Viking) Expeditions (900s - 11th C)
- Erik the Red
- Leif Eriksson
- Chinese (1421)

European Expansion

- Age of Discovery → Motivates Exploration
- Trade: Navigation, Route to the Orient
- Exploration
- Greed, Conquest, Slavery
- Renaissance Geography
- Pythagoras (6th C B.C.)
- Progress in navigation/shipping: magnetic compass, astrolabe
- Sea Journals
Voyages of Columbus

- First Voyage
- Asian riches — Marco Polo
- Won support of Ferdinand & Isabella (Spain)
- Gold & Christianity
- Views of the Natives
- Los Indios
  - 50 men — "subjugated,"
  - "compelled to do anything one wishes"
  - "to be ruled and set to work"
  - "adopt our customs"
- Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)
- Division of Discoveries
- Amerigo Vespucci (1499)