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Christopher Columbus

Spain | 1492

Caribbean Islands

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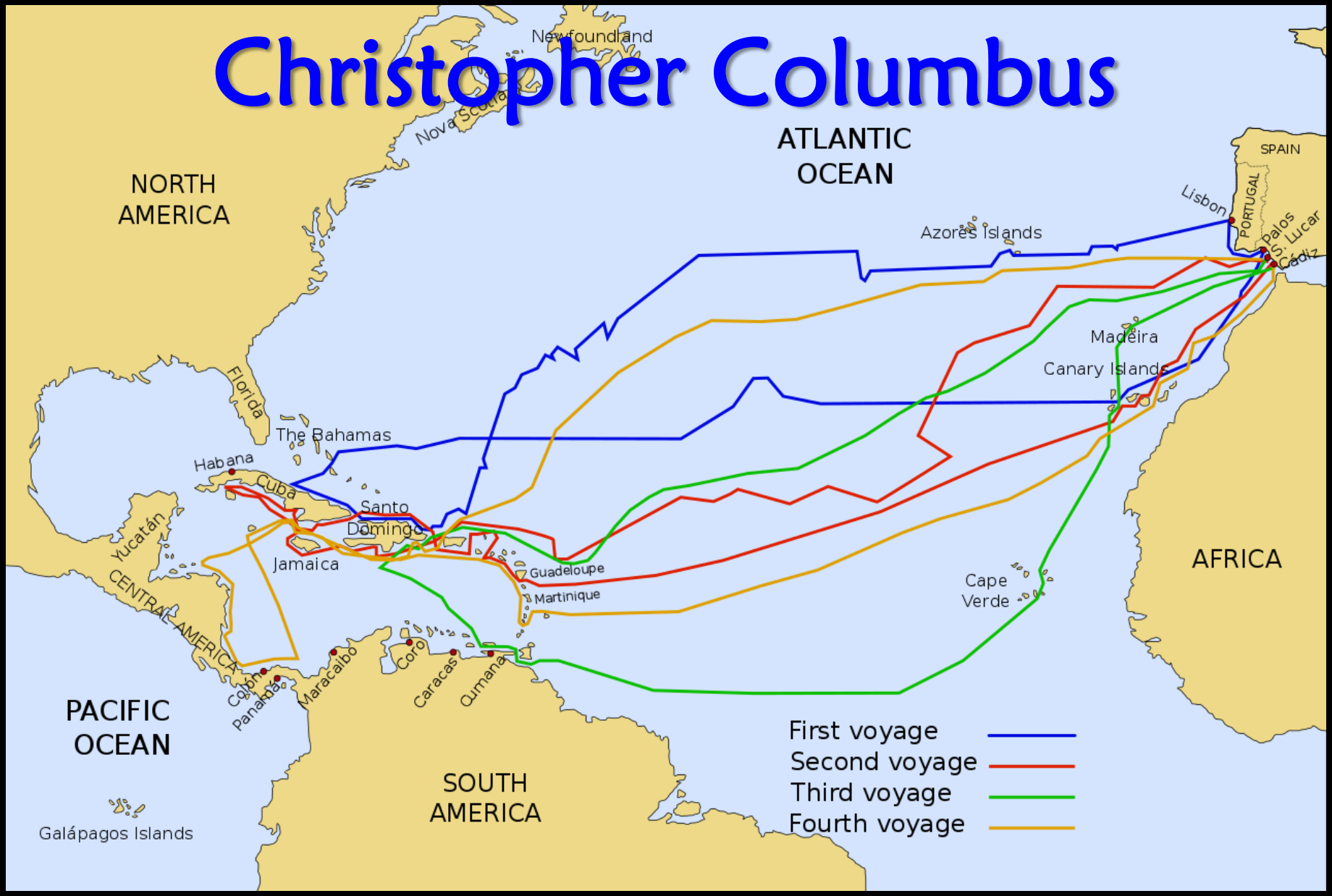

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Christopher Columbus

Goal: A direct water route to Asia. He found "Indians" and new natural resources, but no route to India or China.

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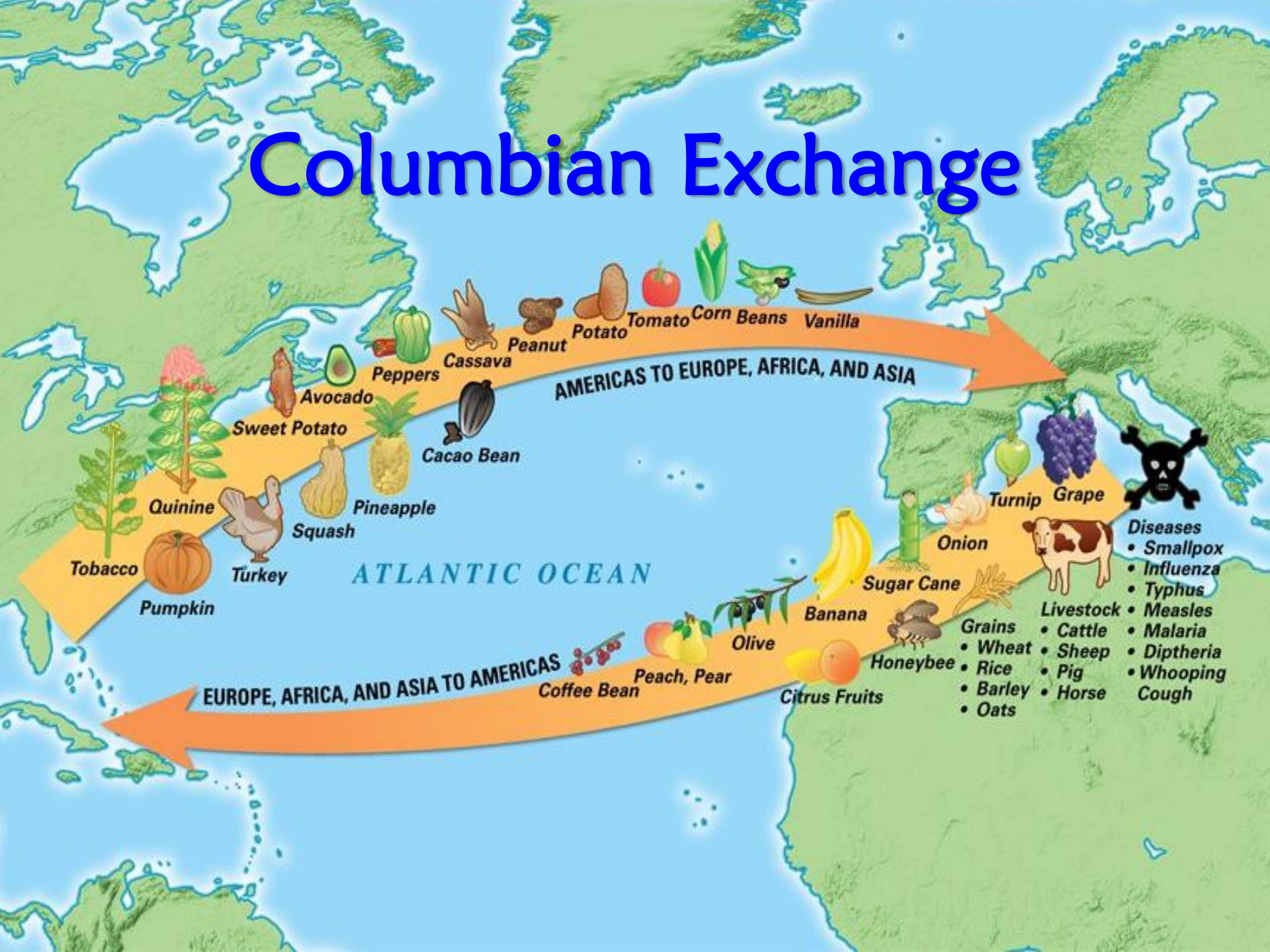
Christopher Columbus

First European encounter with the Americas. Established the 'Columbian Exchange' of goods and ideas across the Atlantic.

Columbian Exchange



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Hernán Cortés

Spain | 1519

Mexico and Central America

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Hernán Cortés

Goal: Conquer the Aztec empire in Mexico (locals thought they were gods with their armor & horses).

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Hernán Cortés

Established New Spain in Mexico and Central America, brought home great wealth, and spread Christian faith.

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Francisco Pizarro

Spain | 1532

South America

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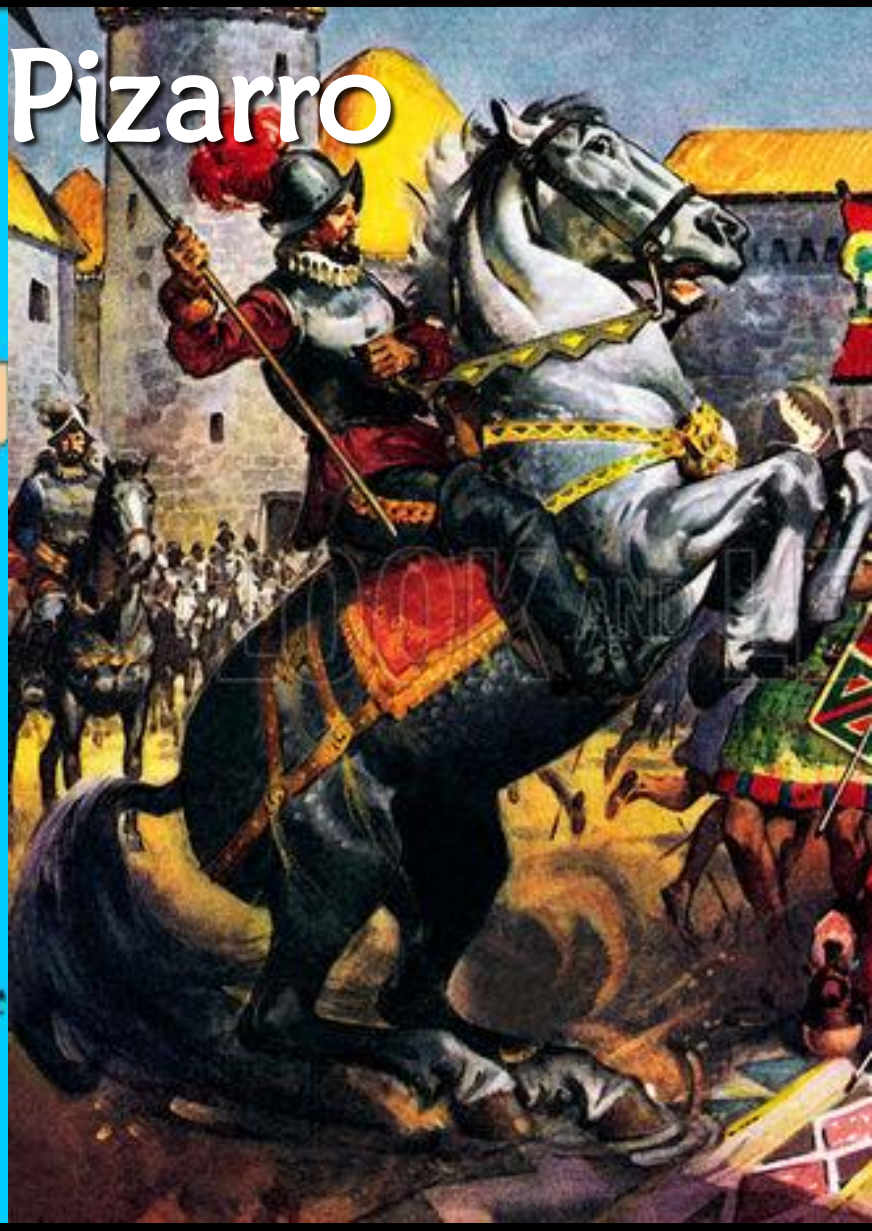
Francisco Pizarro



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Francisco Pizarro

Goal: Conquer the wealthy Incan empire in Peru (with superior firepower & horses).

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Francisco Pizarro

Extended Spanish control into South America along with "God, gold, and glory."

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Alonso Álvarez de Pineda

Spain | 1519

Along Texas coast

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Alonso Álvarez de Pineda

Goal: Search for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, but failed. First to see Mississippi River.

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Alonso Álvarez de Pineda

Created first maps and charts of Texas coast and may have had first contact with Texas Indians (& killed in 1520?).

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Pánfilo de Narváez

Spain | 1528

Florida to Texas coast

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Pánfilo de Narváez

Goal: Explore lands north of Mexico, but bad luck and storms doomed expedition.

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Pánfilo de Narváez

Explored Cuba, his survivors were first Europeans to set foot on Texas soil in 1528.

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Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

Spain | 1528

From upper Texas coast to Mexico

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Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

Goal: Survive shipwreck and return to Mexico.
Lived among Indians as a slave, shaman, and trader until 1536.

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Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

Published book in 1542, described land, people, and animals. Talked of gold at the Seven Cities of Cíbola.

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Francisco Vásquez de Coronado

Spain | 1540

Mexico + Great Plains (Kansas)

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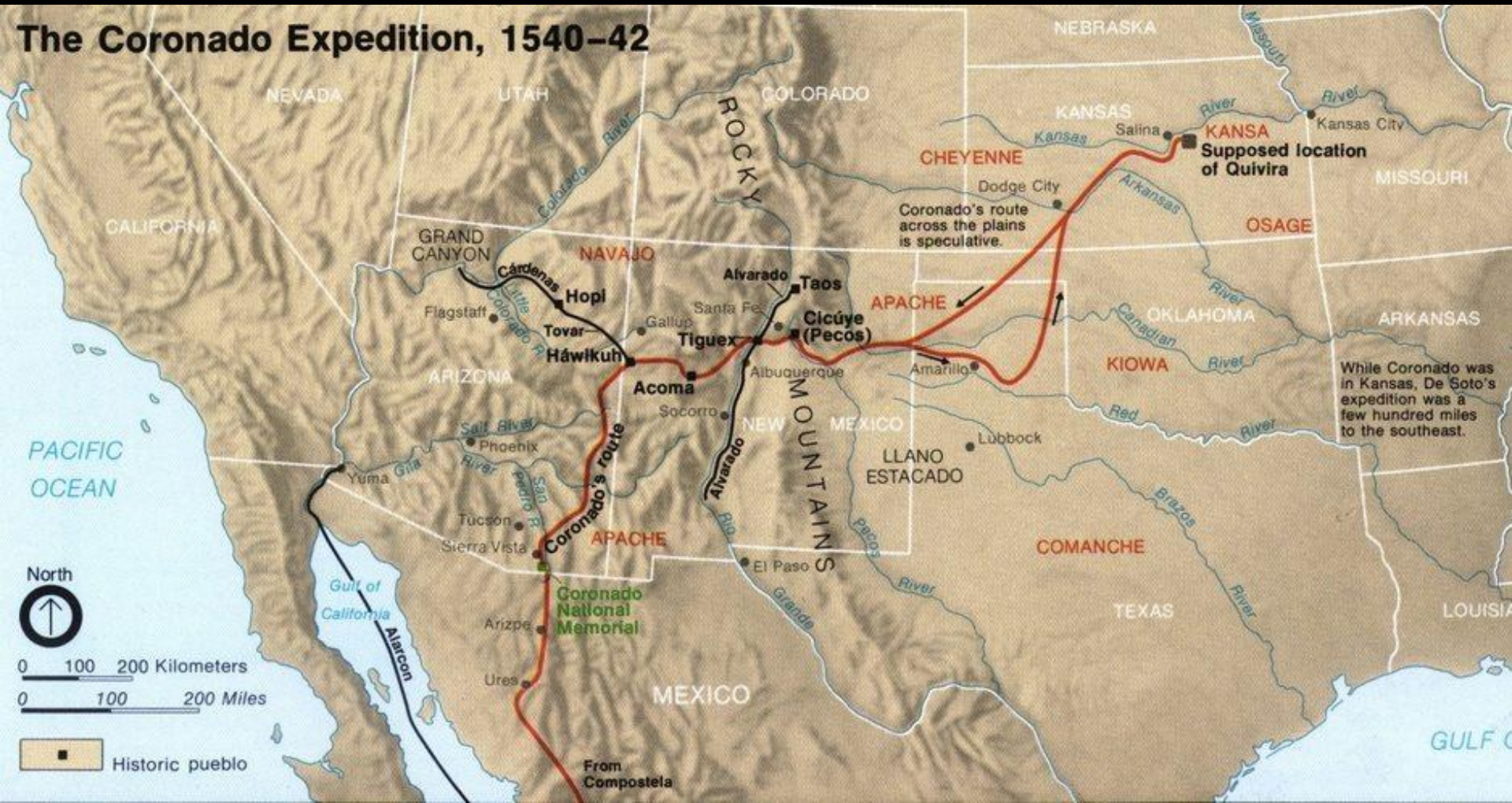
Francisco Vásquez de Coronado



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Francisco Vásquez de Coronado

Goal: Find the City of Gold (Cíbola), but they found no treasure.

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Francisco Vásquez de Coronado

Discovered the Grand Canyon, claimed land for Spain, and gathered information on native cultures.

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Hernando De Soto / Luis de Moscoso Alvarado

Spain

1539 &

1542

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Hernando De Soto / Luis de Moscoso Alvarado

Florida to East Texas

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Hernando De Soto / Luis de Moscoso

Goal: Find riches in North America, but De Soto died after crossing Mississippi River and Moscoso took command.

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Hernando De Soto / Luis de Moscoso

De Soto discovered Mississippi River; Moscoso came to East Texas, met Caddoes, and found petroleum (oil).

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Juan de Oñate

New Spain | 1598

West Texas & New Mexico

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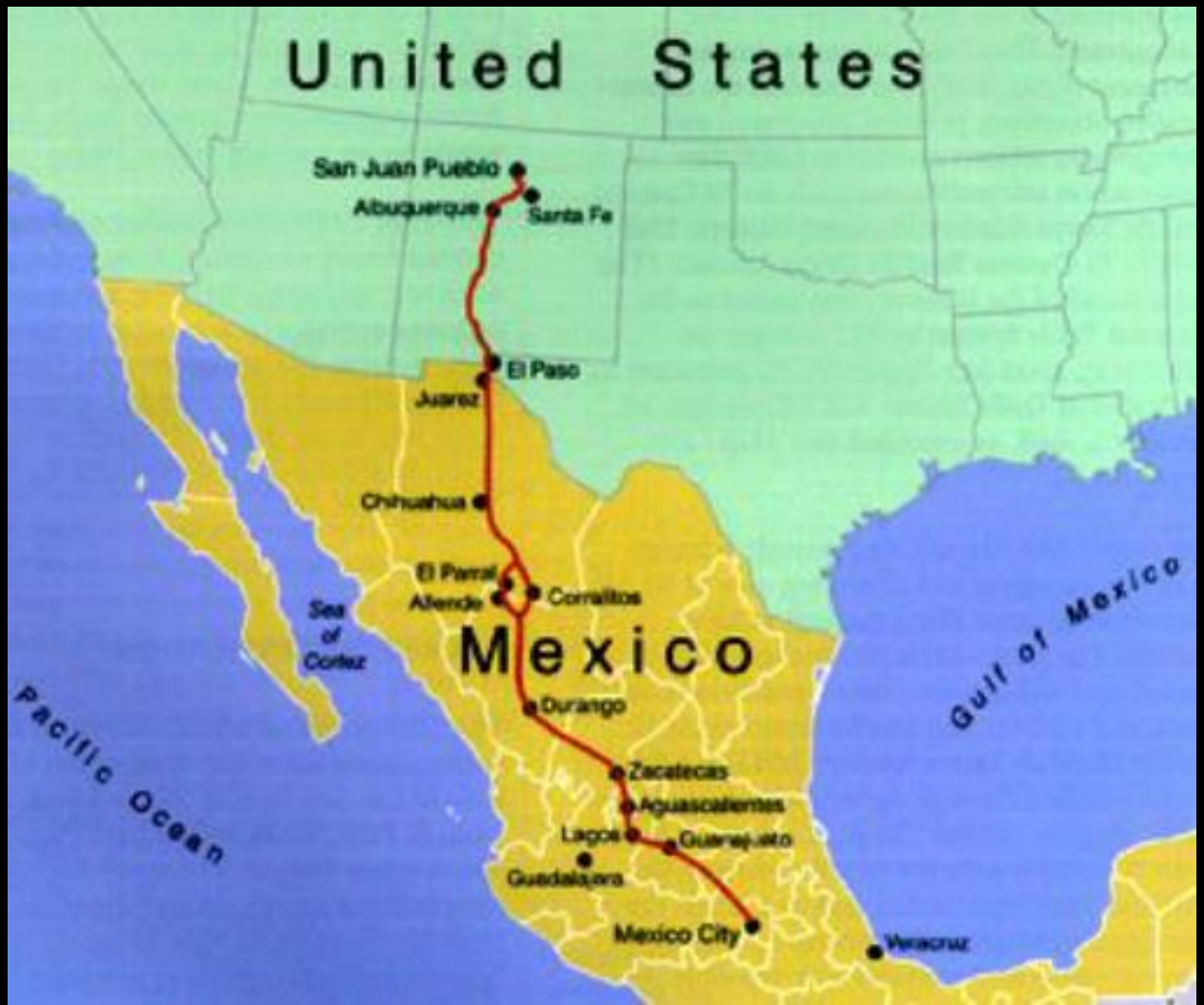
Juan de Oñate



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Juan de Oñate

Goal: Find riches and establish Catholic missions in TX/NM. Founded El Paso (TX) and Santa Fe (NM).

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Juan de Oñate

Claimed New Mexico for Spain and celebrated the first Thanksgiving in North America (Texas, April 1598).

[English Pilgrims: November 1621]

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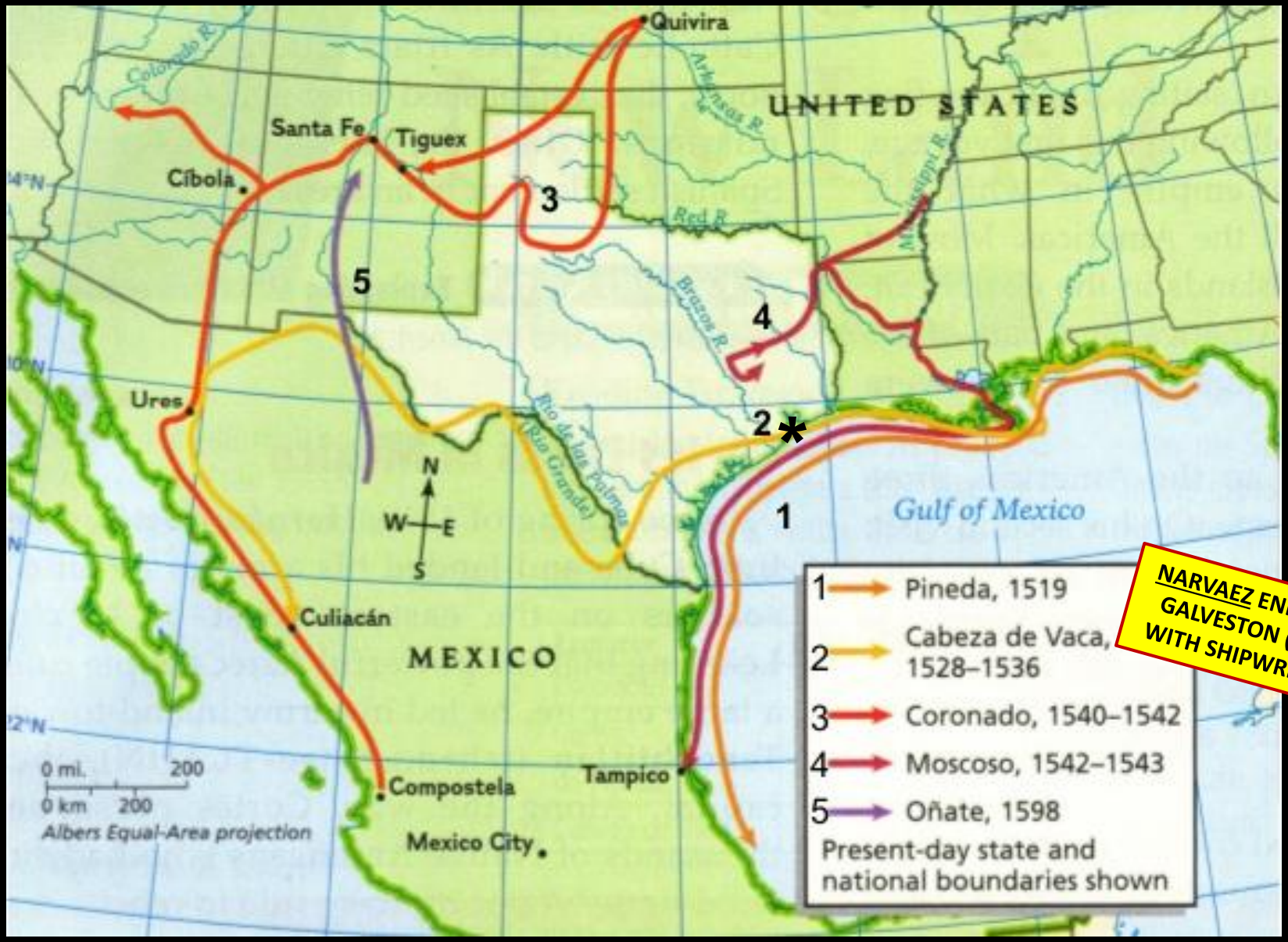

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René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

France

1682 & 1684

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René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

Mississippi River + Gulf of Mexico + Texas

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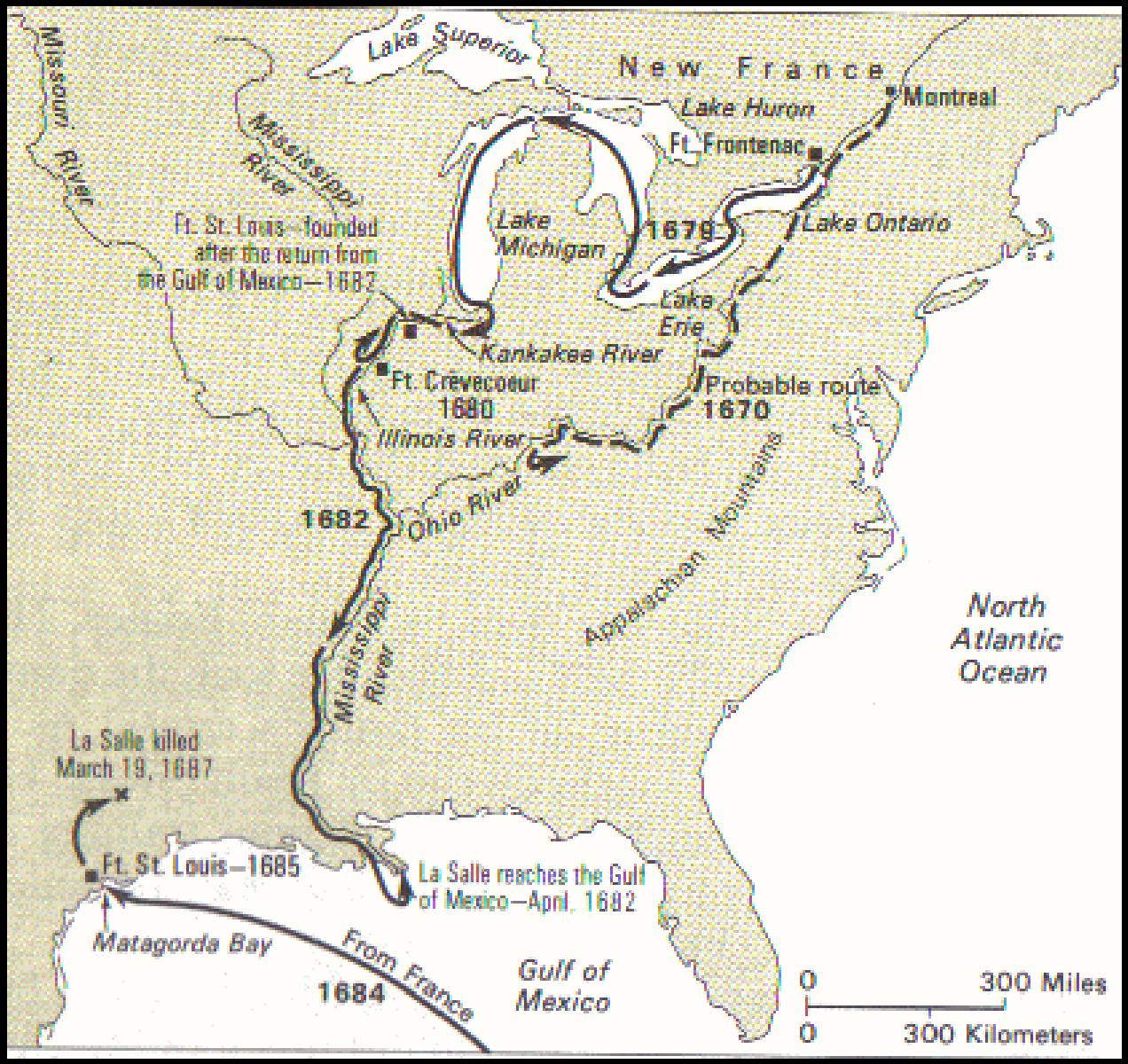

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René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

Goal: Find Northwest Passage, but claimed all lands drained into Mississippi River for France and King Louis XIV (1682).

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René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

Return journey from France (1684) landed in Texas, killed by his men. French trade with Native Texans turns Spanish focus to East Texas.