



Astrolabe/  
Quadrant

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Instrument used to calculate latitude (how far north or south of the equator)

Logbook

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Used to record details of the voyage such as the direction, winds and current

Log and Line

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Instrument used to measure speed

Sand-Glass

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Instrument used to measure speed





## Portolan Charts

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Earliest maps  
used by sailors

## Conquistadores

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The name given to the 15-  
17th century Spanish and  
Portuguese soldiers who  
conquered much of the  
world

## Scurvy

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A common disease  
among sailors  
caused by lack of  
Vitamin C

## Caravel

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A small  
lighter ship





Compass

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Instrument that points north, showing sailors the direction they are travelling

Ferdinand Magellan

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Circumnavigated the world

Vasco da Gama

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Discovered India

Prince Henry the Navigator

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Started a school for sailors in Sagres, Portugal





Hernando  
Cortes

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Conquered the  
Aztecs in  
Mexico

Francisco  
Pizarro

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Conquered the  
Incas of Peru

Sponsors of  
Columbus'  
Voyage

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Columbus' voyage was  
sponsored by King  
Ferdinand and Queen  
Isabella of Spain

Bartholomew  
Diaz

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The first man to  
reach the Cape  
of Good Hope





Montezuma

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Emperor of the  
Aztecs when it was  
conquered by  
Cortes

Firebox

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Box used to cook  
food on the deck  
of a ship

The Age of  
Exploration

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The Portugese and  
Spanish exploration  
of the World

Carrack

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Larger than the  
caraval ship





Longitude

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The degrees  
east and west

Latitude

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Degrees north or  
south of the  
Equator

The Treaty of  
Tordesillas

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Treaty where Spain  
and Portugal divided  
all the newly-  
discovered land

Bartholomew  
Diaz

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Went around the  
Cape of Good  
Hope





# Tenochtitlan

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Rebuilt by Cortes as  
Mexico City after  
conquering the Aztecs

# Plantations

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Where African slaves  
worked on the estates  
of Europeans in the  
New World

# Haciendas

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Large Spanish  
estates

# Mission churches

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Churches built for  
mass conversion of  
native peoples

