

Christopher Columbus



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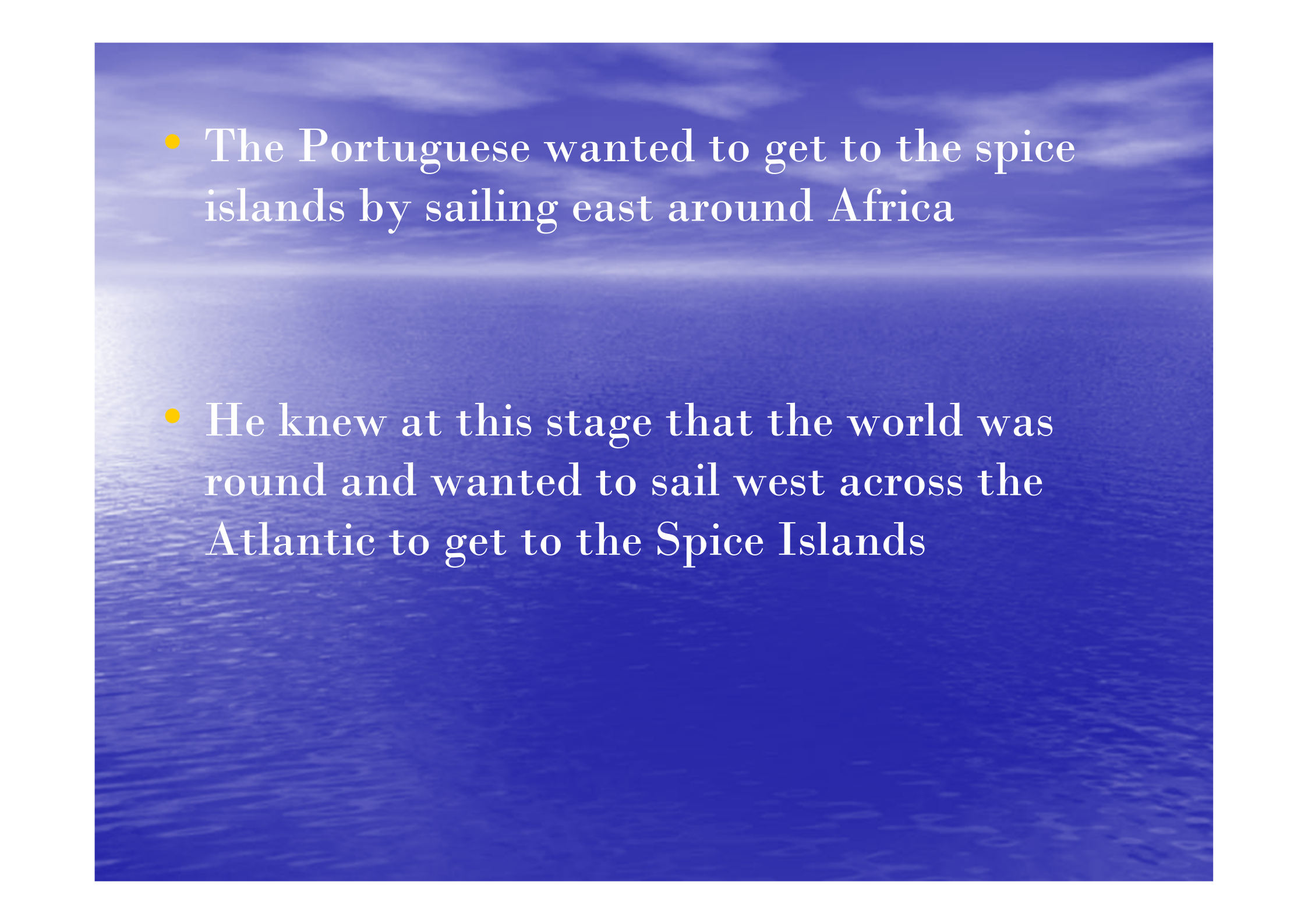
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*In 1492 Columbus
sailed the Atlantic
blue*

Early Life

- Columbus had been a sailor from an early age
- He had already visited France, Spain Britain and Africa.
- His brother was a map maker in Lisbon and Columbus learned from him about maps and charts.

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- The Portuguese wanted to get to the spice islands by sailing east around Africa
 - He knew at this stage that the world was round and wanted to sail west across the Atlantic to get to the Spice Islands

- He read Marco Polo's book about China and wanted to find a new route to trade with them

God, Glory and Gold

- He needed sponsorship for his voyage and asked many Kings and Queens
- The King and Queen of Spain. Ferdinand and Isabella agreed to give him three ships.

Nina

Pinta

Santa Maria





Ferdinand and Isabella

They like the idea of bringing Christianity to India and of the riches they would earn from trade with the Spice Islands

“ We are sending you on a voyage to the regions of India to discover certain islands and mainland's.... You shall be governor of all the lands that you find. You shall have ten per cent of all gold, gems, spices or other goods you get by trading in those lands”

- 1492 sailed from the port of Palos in Spain
- 90 sailors on board
- Queens man to make sure she got her cut
- Food, water and trinkets to trade



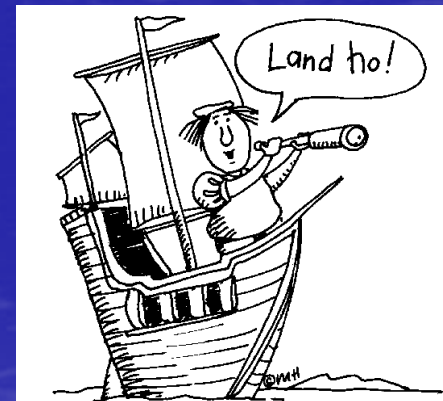
False Log

- He believed he could reach it in two weeks but after 30 days the sailors wanted to turn back they were terrified
- He showed them a false log which lied about how far they had travelled

Mutiny

- In October some sailors demanded that the ships go back
- He promised that if land was not sighted in three days he would

“The following morning, a sailor spotted some floating branches and a piece of carved wood. Later that night, another sailor saw a moving light. With these signs of land, the sailors were filled with hope. The ships anchored, waiting for daylight”



San Salvador

The next morning Columbus went ashore

“Praise God, We take this land for the king
and queen”

He called the island Holy Saviour or San
Salvador



- He spent 3 months searching for the mainland
- He found several islands but no gold
- They go naked. I did not see one who was over 30 years of age. They have very handsome faces and their hair is coarse.... They should make good servants and I believe they would easily be made into Christians

- Returned to Spain as a hero
- Natives plants parrots

