

# Exploration



# Keywords

- Exploration
- Travel
- Muslims
- Christians
- Pilgrims
- Crusaders
- Merchants
- Spices
- Silks
- Jewels

# Travel in the Middle Ages

Many people did not travel in the Middle Ages

- It was dangerous to travel
- Roads were bad
- Ships were small
- Ships broke up easily in storms
- You had to walk or use horses

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# Who did travel?

- Pilgrims visited holy places such as the Holy Land
- Crusaders fought to get the Holy Land back of the Muslims
- Merchants were people who bought and sold goods

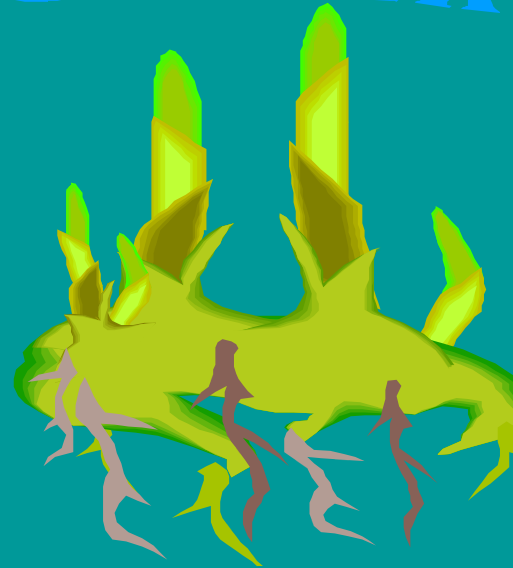
# What did merchants buy?

Merchants travelled to buy spices, silks and jewels

Spices like

- Nutmeg
- Ginger
- Pepper

GINGER



# Why were spices important?

Spices were important because

- They improved the taste of food
- Hid the taste of rotting food
- Some were used in medicines

# Fear of Travel



They thought the earth was flat and that you would fall off the edge



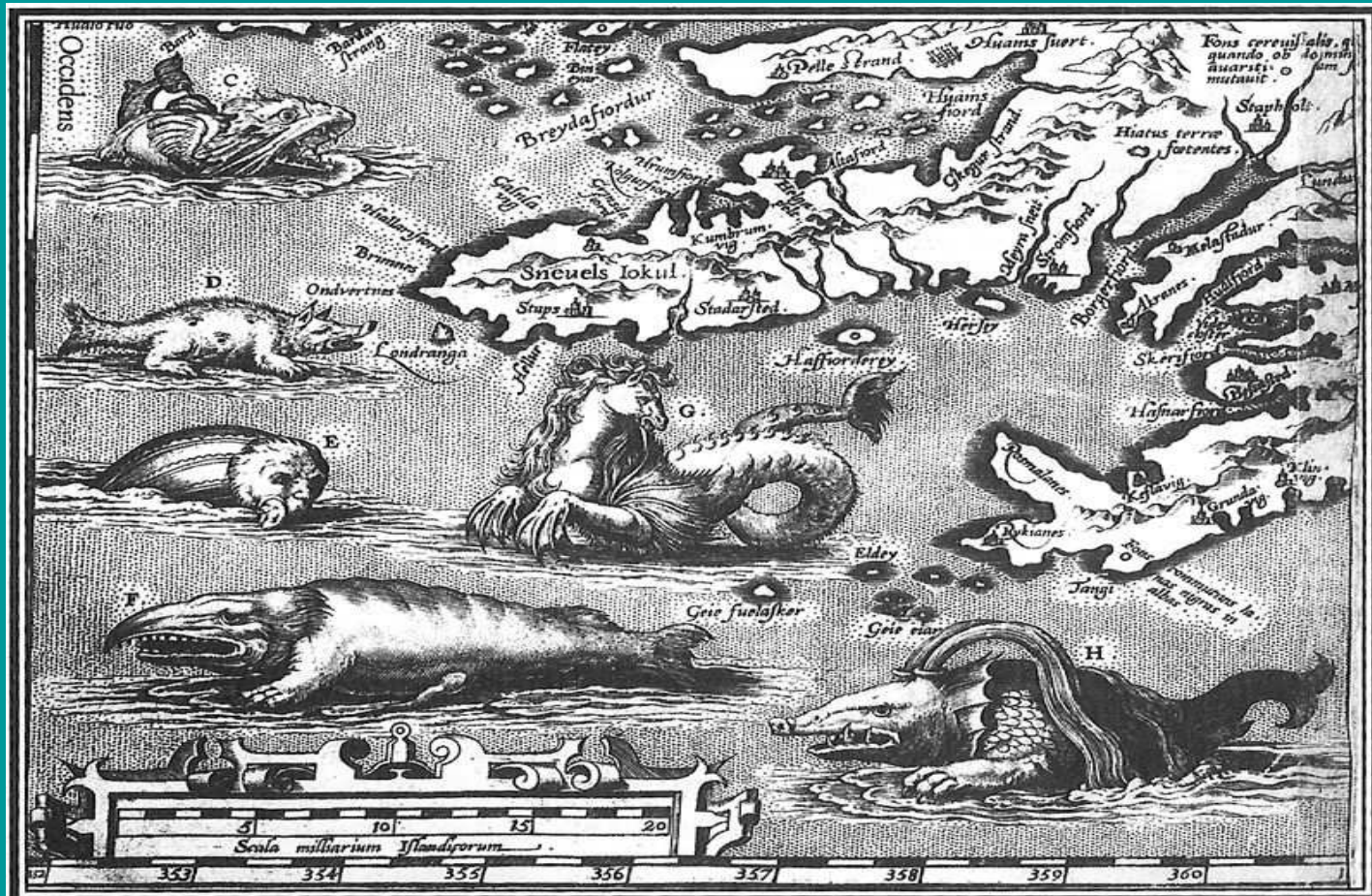


They thought the sea would boil  
the nearer you got to the  
equator





They thought the sea was full of monsters which could swallow a whole ship



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