

Early Explorer Research Sheet:

<p>NAME: Giovanni Caboto (John Cabot)</p> <p>DATE OF BIRTH: he was born in 1450</p> <p>PLACE OF BIRTH: Gaeta, Italy</p> <p>DATE OF DEATH: by 1499 he was presumed to have perished at sea</p>	<p><b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p>In 1461 he moved to Venice, then in 1476 he became a Venetian citizen. They think he worked as a merchant in spice trade</p>
<p><b>REASONS FOR EXPLORING:</b></p> <p>He, like Christopher Columbus, became interested in the possibility of reaching Asia by travelling west.</p>	
<p><b>SKILLS:</b></p> <p>Navigation Map-making/map reading Sailing</p>	<p><b>VOYAGES:</b></p> <p>In 1496 king Henry VII issued letters to Cabot and his son, which allowed them to make a voyage of discovery and return with goods for sale. In May 1497 they set off with a crew of 18 men. In 1497 Cabot proposed he go on a second expedition farther across North Atlantic. In 1498 he set off with a crew of about 200 men this time. Before both of these he set off but had to turn around due to food shortages and disputes among the crew.</p>
<p><b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</b></p> <p>He is believed to be the first European encounter with the North American continent.</p>	<p><b>CHALLENGES FACED:</b></p> <p>He had to convince the British crown that there was a faster way to reach Asia. During his second expedition their ship was hit by a storm and they anchored in Ireland, with severe damage to the boat.</p>

**TECHNOLOGY USED:**

He used mainly maps to help guide him, but he had a magnetic compass to help. At the time he sailed there were also tools called the log, the lead line, the quadrant or astrolabe, and dead reckoning. It is uncertain if he used these though.

**METHOD OF TRAVEL:**

He travelled on a boat. He headed westward hoping to reach Asia.

**IMPACT ON EXPLORATION:**

He developed the America's more than any other explorer. He is the reason that people in North America speak English, he spread English culture.

**OTHER INTERESTING FACTS:**

There are many holes in his life, many historians don't know what happened to him for long periods of time. When he did land in North America he thought he had made it to Asia. He had many other names that he went by, Giovanni Caboto and Zuan Chabotto.