

## 1] Definition of Colonialism:

- Establishment, Exploitation, Maintenance, Acquisition, & Expansion of colonies in one territory by people from another territory.
- It is a set of unequal relationships
  - b/w Colonial Power & Colony
  - & b/w Settlers & Indigenous people

## 2] How did Colonialism begin?

### •2.1] Role of Explorations:

- Background: 13th CE Marco Polo discovered China
- **Huge Monetary Profits:** eg Venice became main port for Spice Trade with India
- **Role of Geog:** Monopoly of Sea Spice Route by Venice forced other EU powers to buy Spices at high prices
- **Ottoman blocked route in 1453** after defeating Byzantine->quest for new route

# Silk & Spice Trade Routes





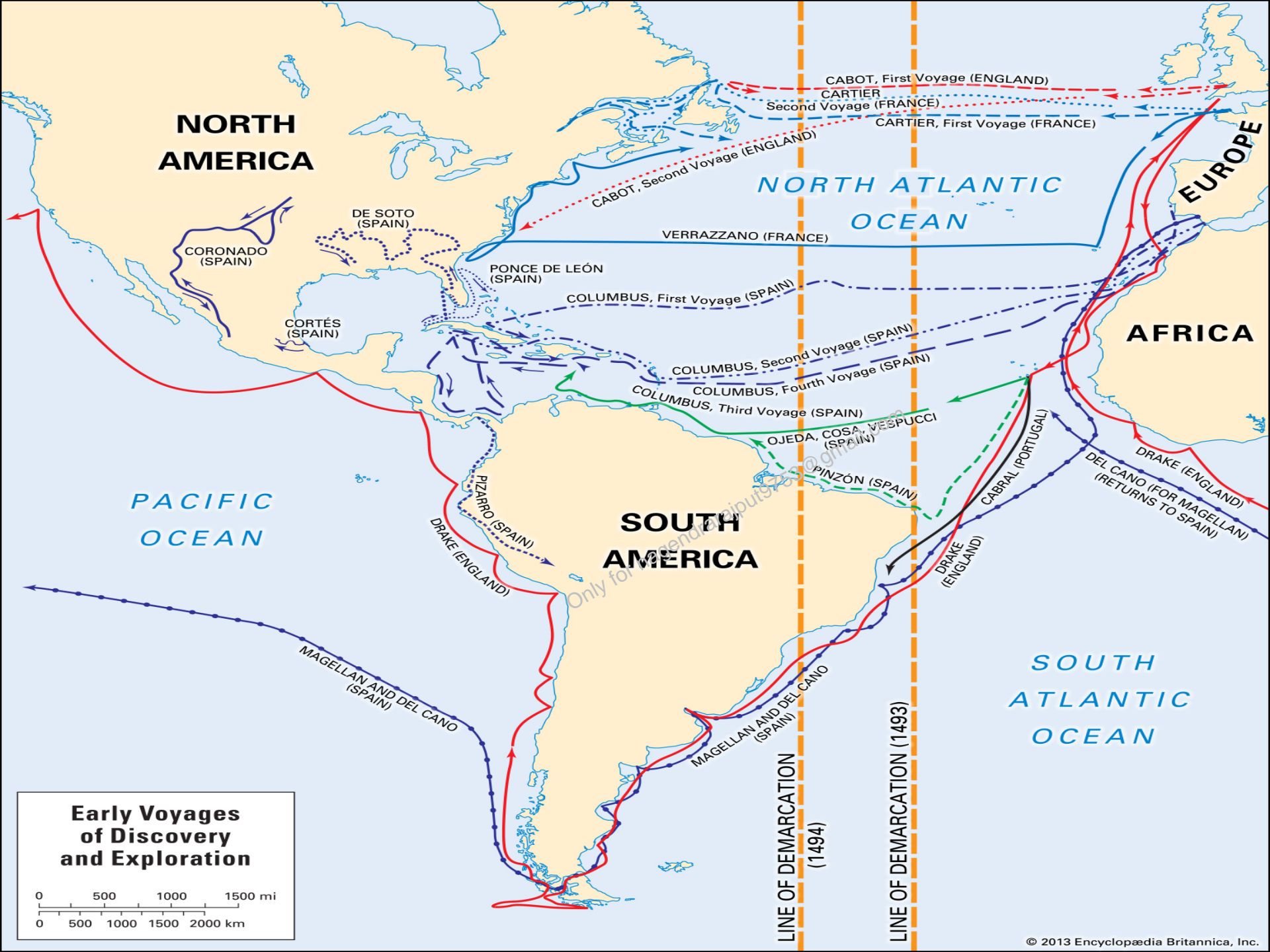
## 2] How did Colonialism happen?

### 2.2] The technical innovations:

- Compass (direction)
  - Astrolabe (location)
  - Art of Mapping
  - Better Ships
- All this led to better knowledge of sea (weather patterns, route maps)
- » 1492: Columbus: Haiti/ Americas
  - » 1498: Vasco Da Gama- India
  - » 1500: Amerigo(Sp) South America
  - » Portuguese discovered Philippines & China

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## 3] Spread of Colonialism

- Profits led to race for exploration & Sp,  
Portugal were joined by Dutch, Br, Fr
- **Determinants of success in Colonial era**
  - **Sea Power:** Merchant fleet, Navy,  
Domination of sea routes, Ports of Call
  - thus Pr and Sp replaced Italy but later  
Dutch, Fr, Br

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# 3] Spread of Colonialism

## 3G, Loot & Plantation Systems

- (Sp looted Incas (Peru) & Aztecs (Mexico)
- Plantation System introduced in Brazil by Pr)

**New commodities in EU:** Tobacco (Cuba),  
Potato, Maize, Spices

## Era of Mercantile Capitalism:

- Establishing of Trading Posts,
- attacking merchant vessels,
- trade barriers,
- blocking trade routes,
- special trading rights

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## 4] Slave Trade:

**Slave trade** was started by the Portugal in Brazil, Sp in Haiti, Florida, Mexico, Chile & other Coastal South America

- For labour on Plantation Systems for Sugar, Tobacco, Cotton
- Trans-Atlantic/Triangular in nature.
- From Individual Merchants in late 15th to Cos by end of 16th CE

- **Did Industrial Revolution increase Slave Trade?**
- **Slavery Abolishment**-Fr (1789), Br(1833), US(1865).

