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Ferdinand Magellan

There were many famous Spanish explorers. This paper is about one of the most famous, Ferdinand Magellan. Magellan is widely known for his voyage across the world. He and his crew set out on September 20, 1519 from Sanlucar de Barrameda southern Spain in hopes to succesfully make a journey around the world to find a shorter trade route. The journey was successful but sadly Magellan died before his crew reached its destination.

Ferdinand Magellan was a famous Spanish explorer born on February 4, 1480. His fathers name was Pedro de Magalhaes. Magellan's father was the mayor of his town, Sabrosa Portugal. His mothers name was Alda de Mezquita. He had two siblings and there names were Isabel Magellan and Diogo de Sousa.

Magellan would grow up to be married to a woman known as Beatriz Barbosa. Her location was not known after Magellan took off on his voyage. What was know though was that Magellan and Beatriz both died in 1521. They had 2 kids together before there deaths. There names were Rodrigo de Mangalles and Carlos de Mangalles. They sadly died young.

Magellan is known for making the first successful trip around the world, finding the Strait of Magellan, and trying to find shorter train routes. He set sail on September 20, 1519 with roughly 200 men. His 5 ships names were the Triniade, the San Antonio, the Conception, the Victoria, and finally the Santiago. He encountered a native tribe called the Chamorro people of Guam. He was able to convert most of them to catholicism and baptize them. He wanted to do this with others tribes but they didn’t accept his beliefs. One group ,the Mactans, really didn’t like the idea so Magellan tried to attack them with only 60 men and they had 1500. Magellan was killed in battle from a stab wound.

On September 6, 1522, 1 of 5 ships that set sail returned. 200 men set sail with Magellan but only 18 survived the hardships and challenges. They told everyone what that had found and there encounters with native tribes. The men had successfully made a trip around the world. They described how Magellan was brave and courageous but most importantly, a good leader.

In conclusion, Magellan was a famous explorer who led a voyage across the world. He had a wife and 2 kids. He set sail in 1519. He converted many natives to catholicism. He was killed in battle before he could return home. 18 of his men survived to tell the story of Ferdinand Magellan.

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