

Spanish Exploration in Georgia

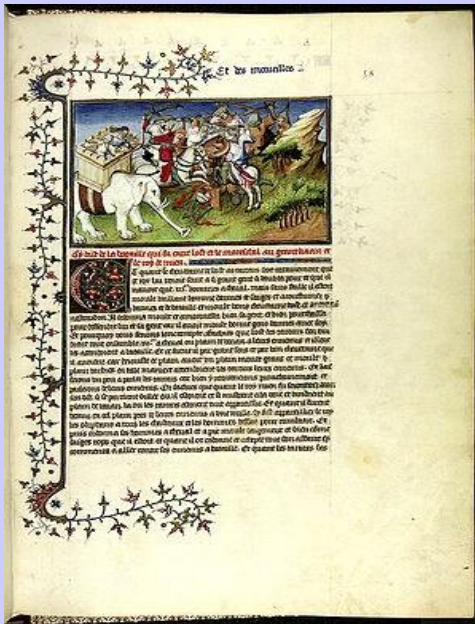




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Why Explore?

- Why did Europeans began to explore?
- What led them to believe that they could find a shorter route to Asia?
- In search of a shorter route to India-spices, gold, silks, and other items.
- In 1477, Marco Polo published his book *Travels* that led many people believe that a shorter route could be found.



Christopher Columbus



- Who was he?
- What did he find?



- An Italian explorer whose expedition was financed by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain.
- He set sail in 1492 and landed on an island called San Salvador—now part of the Bahamas Islands.
- Columbus believed, until his death, that he had found the route to India. He called the people Indians. They were really Native Americans.

Hernando de Soto

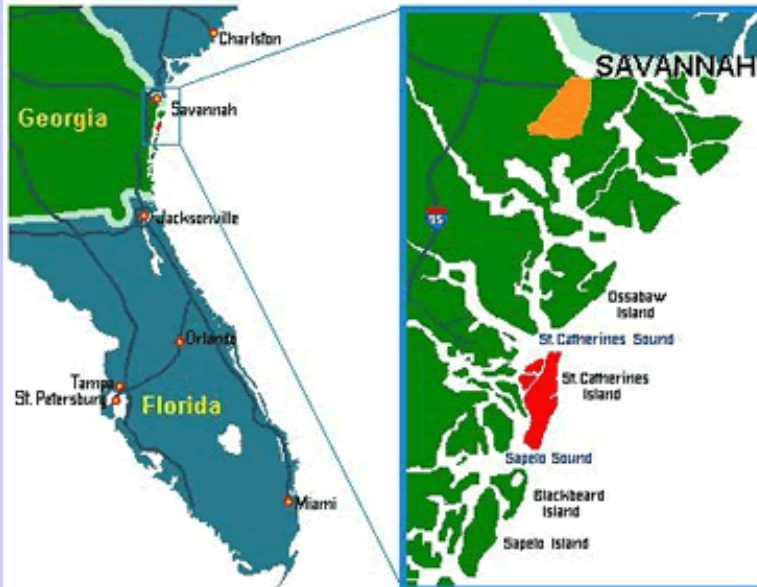
- Who was he and what was his agenda?
- What happened when he and his men encountered indigenous people?
- Was he successful in his search for gold?
- de Soto was a Spanish explorer who was in search of gold. “God, Gold, and Glory”
- In 1539, he landed in Florida and moved north to south Georgia.
- de Soto and his men killed thousands of natives with their advanced weapons and diseases such as smallpox and measles.
- No he was not. de Soto died somewhere along the Mississippi River and was buried there. Many of his men died of starvation and disease.



Spanish Colonies



- What is a colony?
- What was the 1st Spanish colony established in Georgia?
- What was the purpose of the missions?



- A group of people who settle in a new land but maintain their ties to their homeland.
- In 1566, about 27 years after de Soto arrived, the Spanish established Santa Catalina on St. Catherines Island.
- The missions were established to convert the natives to Christianity