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Ferdinand Magellan

Facts about John Cabot

Name: Ferdinand Magellan

Country of Birth/nationality: Portugal (Resources said he was born either Sabrosa or Oporto, Northern Portugal)

Date of Birth: 1480

Date of Death: 1521

Lifespan: 1480 - 1521 (He was killed in a tribal war with the Philippines)

Family: His parents were Pedro Ruy de Magalhaes and Alda de Mezquita, were members of the nobility of Portugal (they were wealthy and powerful).

Education: Tutored at the Court of Portugal. As a young member of Queen Leonora's School of Pages in Lisbon (the Portuguese capital) Magellan was encouraged to learn subjects that would aid him in his journey later, such as cartography (mapmaking), astronomy, and astronomical navigation (learning how to steer a ship based on the positions of the stars).

Occupation: Sailor, He is a Portuguese sailor. Early in his career, Magellan sailed to India and to the Far East many times via Africa's Cape of Good Hope. He sailed for his native Portugal, but a debate with the Portuguese King Manoel II turned him against the Portuguese. Thereafter, He worked for King Charles V of Spain

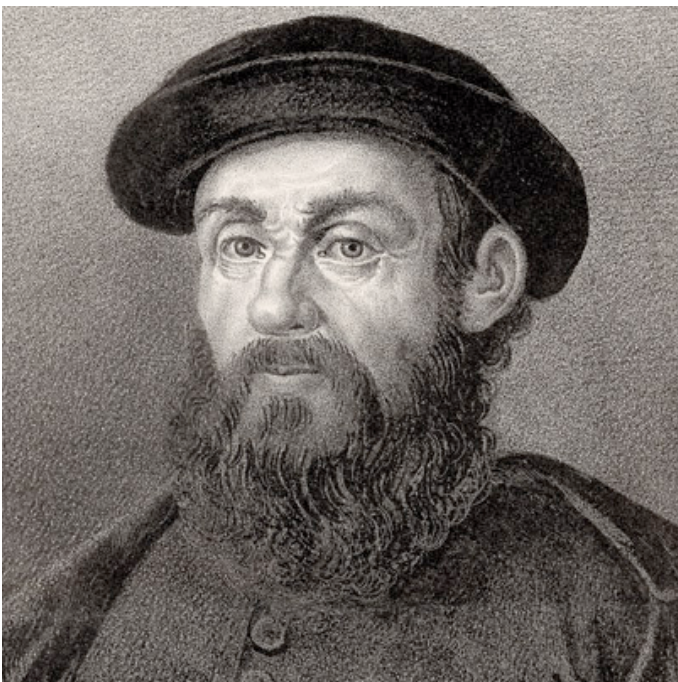
Childhood: Ferdinand Magellan was born in Oporto, Portugal, in 1480. His parents were members of the Portuguese nobility, and the young Magellan found himself in the service of royalty at an early age. His parents died when he was 10 years old. He was only twelve when he began serving

the queen of Portugal as a position of a job for youths in royal courts. As a young member of Queen Leonora's School of Pages in Lisbon (the Portuguese capital) Magellan was encouraged to learn subjects that would aid him greatly later, such as cartography (mapmaking), astronomy, and astronomical navigation (learning how to steer a ship based on the positions of the stars).

Personality:

He seemed to be confident to sail to the east by sailing west even though there are least knowledge or map about the route the west. Ferdinand Magellan has a big goal to continue what Christopher Columbus have done. He has a big courage to do such a thing, because sailing to the west is such a dangerous, he didn't know what will he up to in his journey and how long to arrive in the Spice Island.

Appereance:



Diary

Day 1,

Sea are rough. Sea played nasty tricks. This the first time I sailed in the ship. I wasn't that nervous. I felt excited about sailing to Spice Island with Ferdinand Magellan. The Spain believed that by taking route to the west, we could travel to the spice island faster. I worked as a steward in the ship. It was a privilege for me to work in Ferdinand Magellan's ship, the Trinidad. There were 5 ships given to Ferdinand Magellan to travel the Spice Island from Spain, the Trinidad, the San Antonio, the Concepcion, the Victoria, and the Santiago. Magellan commanded the Trinidad, while the other fours are commanded by Spanish Commanded. He led the 5 ships out of the Spanish port of Sancar de Barrameda. The Spanish Captain seemed to dislike Magellan because Magellan is Portuguese sailor, and Portugal is a rival nation of Spain. The captain seems difficult to accept the fact that they are led by a Portuguese. I work as a steward in the ship, serving foods and water for the crews. It was 20th of September in 1519 when Magellan is leading 5 ships and 260 men across the Atlantis Ocean. I believed in Ferdinand Magellan who led us travel to the Spice Island. Well I do believe him though because I know he spent year study cartography, astronomy, and celestial navigation. I think it will be a long ride to travel to the Spice Island. I seemed to think that Magellan is pursuing Colombus's dream, reaching the east by sailing west. I've heard a rumor though that the King of Portugal wanted the mission to be fail and he bribed some officers of his to make trouble. Well, if it is true, surely is not a good start. Spain and Portugal are rival nation who compete to find trade route. They are dominating most of the trade in the world. We, crew, don't what we are up to, but I hope we accomplished the mission. We are traveling for 3 reasons, God, Glory, and Gold. Spices driven the european crazy. Spices are need for us to conserve foods. Rather than buying from a trader, we head straight to it's source so that we can buy cheaper and produce gold. As a steward, I don't know how long the supplies will survive, because supplies cannot last long. It seemed that supplies are not given in the right quantities for certain amount of time. I think that it will take more time to travel to the Spice Island than we predict.

3 months later,

The unexpected happen. The crew morale is low. Supplies are running out. Winter is coming. Mutiny broke out. What I predict was right. Though, we arrived in the New World, it's still a long way to the Spice Island. Crew began to be nervous, fearing that they would not survive with the supplies are running low. The crew were miserable, wanted to turn back to Spain. Magellan decided to winter the fleet in a place called Patagonia, it was the "land of the big feet". The natives are very tall and had left a big foot print on the sand. It was a desolated place. Temper and fears caused the threat of mutiny over 5 months sailing across the Atlantis ocean. Magellan took a harsh action, showing to the Captain and crew that he is the one with the authority. Who can blame him, though? There are no other choice for what to be done. It is the only way to cool down the flame of mutiny. Magellan beheaded a captain, marooned another, and execute others. The storm come, blew one of our ship, and Magellan left Patagonia with 4 ships remaining and the remaining crew. We did find the tip to South America, and it was discovery. Our ships are dwarfed by an ice-capped mountains and blew up by a hurricane. It took 33 days to pass through the strait and around the Cape Horn. Unfortunately, we left the strait with 3 ships remaining. One the ship is deserted. Amazing though, there is this peaceful ocean greeted us on the other side of the cape. No storms, no hurricane. Magellan named the ocean the Pacific, which pax means "peace" in Latin word. We had no idea the size of the ocean. Although the ocean is peaceful, the crew are in "hell". Conditions are unpleasant and desperate. Starving sailor soak leather in seawater and toast to eat it as supplies are running low. Sawdust and rats are now on the menu. Scurvy are spreading among the sailor, and many dies because of it. Fresh water are stinking, and how could we find a fresh water in the middle of the ocean? Miracle? The crew, especially me, are so desperate for that we think miracle is only a folktale. From all the suffering we've been through, we finally made it to the Philippines. But what could possibly happen next? Another miserably day? or going home to Spain with a cargo of spices? Should I still believe in Magellan? We'll see.

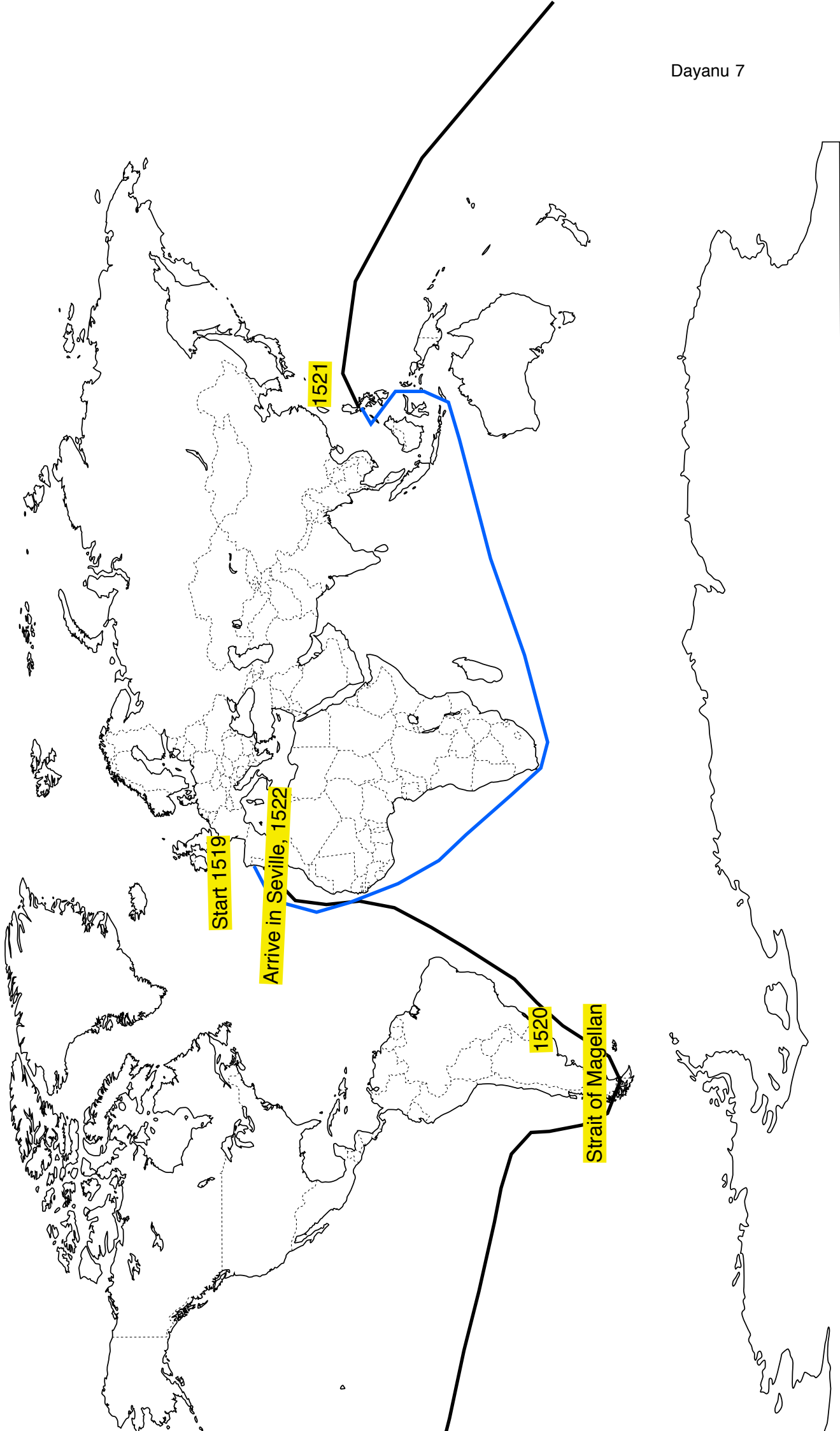
In the Philippines,

Natives are everywhere. Trading with them is not that hard though, they sell some foods in a really cheap price, well I think because foods are really well-growth here. I wonder how much gold I will receive soon I got home after we reach the Spice Island. The beginning of a very good sign! Or is something bad gonna happen? I wonder. Enrique. Have I told you? I guess no. Well, he is Ferdinand Magellan's servant. Magellan picked him up when he was in Asia, the day when he still working for the Portuguese. Enrique is a huge advantage for us. He understand native's language, well, in other name, he is our translator. Through him, we can communicate with the native better. I think the Spanish win over our rival country, Portugal. I believed Magellan is very proud of what he have done. Returning to Spain with a cargo of gold after we reach the Spice Island, well I said that because spices are valuable as gold. What a feeling! I will return to my family with a very prideful feeling.

Death of the globe's explorer

To support this chief's local supremacy, Magellan decides that a show of force against a neighboring tribe will impress the natives into submission. Magellan hopes to make this chieftain supreme over the remaining local tribes and loyal to the King of Spain. Magellan orders an attack but he miscalculates. The reefs along the island's beach will not allow our ships to get into effective range for our cannon (the reefs will not allow us to get closer to beach). As the battle happened along the beach, we fire our guns ineffectively too far from a distance. Fortified, the natives rush into the water, throwing spears to the crew. The crew and I abandon Magellan in panic and the Captain is soon overwhelmed. Me, as a 12 years old boy, could do nothing but hide in panic, escaping from the battle along the beach, wishing that God would save my life from the deadly battle. I saw from a distance, a native cast a bamboo spear into the captain's face, but the latter immediately killed him

with his lance, which he left in the native's body. The natives hurled themselves upon him. One of them wounded him on the left leg with a large knife. That caused the captain to fall face downward, when immediately they rushed upon him with iron and bamboo spears, and I see the tragedy right in front my eyes, until they killed our captain. Our captain's death is not worthless, he discovered a new trade for the Spain, allowing the Spain to avoid arguing with the Portugal about the trade route. Sebastian del Cano soon change Magellan's position. Half of the crew still remains. We fled to the Molluca Islands/ The Spice Island. We loaded a cargo of spices to our ship. Then, We decided to burn one of our ship since there are no crew left to sail. The other ship decide to return to Spain but they never make it home. The Victoria, the remaining ship, has made it home to Seville, Spain with 18 crew left (I am one of the 18 crew) remaining in 1522. Do you think it is worth to bring a cargo of spices back to Spain with the lost of our captain, 4 ships, and 242 crew? I don't think so. You can't feel THAT moment when we are sailing and exploring, the moment when we see our friends are dying, dying for food and water, dying in battle, dying of scurvy, seeing one of our ship deserted. I think that the suffer that we've been through, the pain that we've been through, lost of lives, cannot be paid by gold. Gold are worthless for me after such thing that we've been through.



Comparison of Ferdinand Magellan's Impact

Positive Effect	Negative Effect
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening trade route to the east for the Spain 2. Giving a support proof the Earth is round (He circumnavigated the earth) 3. Discovered the passage that join the 2 ocean (strait of Magellan) 4. Find the New Land, the new continent. Europeans only know the land of Asia and Europe, but Ferdinand Magellan find the New Land (America) 5. His action (exploring the world) burns the heart of young sailor to follow his track. 6. Expanded the range of oceanic exploration (He sailed the Pacific). 7. He discovered different kinds of spices such as pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves. 8. Europe economic rose since there was a cargo of riches brought the crew of Ferdinand Magellan back to Spain. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. His action to the Philippines causes a war with native that cause bloodshed 2. Mutiny of Ferdinand Magellan's leadership. The portuguese captain rebelled against Ferdinand Magellan's leadership. 3. Most of the spices in the Spice Island were taken a lot by the Spanish. That cause a decreasing number of the spices.

Question and Answer

M= Me

FM= Ferdinand Magellan

M= What biggest achievement you have achieved?

FM= Before I sailed for the Spain, I sailed for Portugal. But sailing for the Portugal is not as good as sailing for the Spain. When I sailed for the Portugal, I was wounded in Morocco and had a major disagreement with a commanding officer and left the service without prior permission. I believed my biggest achievement is sailing for Spain and become the first person who circumnavigate the world.

M= Who inspired you to explore the world?

FM= The reason why me and my crew sailed around the world was to reach the spice islands, by traveling around the tip of South America, because I was inspired by Ruy Faliero. I was inspired also by Columbus' beliefs and by a man whom was an astronomer and geographer.

M= What factors that make you succeed?

FM= My Portuguese background was a critical factor in the success of his voyage. Born in Portugal, I grew up where I received the most advanced education in sailing and navigation. Portuguese charts and maps were regarded as classified information and treated as state secrets. I brought many of Portugal's most precious secrets: information about secret expeditions and Portuguese navigational knowledge of the world beyond Europe. I had 24 charts in all, most of them top secret, all of them extremely valuable.

M= What challenges you have been through in your journey and how do you maintain it?

FM= There was a mutiny over my leadership. The Spanish Captain seemed to dislike me and rebelled against my leadership because they are a led by a portuguese so I took a harsh action by executing, marooned, and beheaded the Spanish captains to show the remaining who has the

authority of leading the expedition. We were also running out of food stock, so to solve this problem, I need to limit the crew's food every week.

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