

Christopher Columbus

- Italian explorer financed by Spanish to seek wealth and conquests overseas
- Spanish monarchs were King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
- CC believed he could get east (to India and China) by sailing

west

-he took four total trips between 1492+1504

-myth...

CC proved earth is round

-fact...

most educated people by 1492 agreed that earth was round

-Europeans were poised and ready

to begin worldwide exploration...

they had better specialized labor...

1) better militaries, weapons, ships in Europe

-European countries were competitive w/ one another

2) printing press
invented in 1455,
Europeans did not exclude
lower classes from the
printed word (like the
Chinese did)

-knowledge spreading
faster in Europe

3) there is a desire
in Europe to transport
the Christian religion

- CC carried a letter from Ferdinand to the Khan of the Mongols
- CC died (in 1506) always believing he had reached East Asia

importance

A) from 1492 on, Euro nations begin their domination & influence over the Western Hemisphere

in culture, language,
religion

B) transfer of goods...
ex... wheat from Europe
and coffee & sugar
from Africa become major
crops in Americas

...potatoes, tomatoes,
and corn from Americas
become major food
sources when planted
in Europe

C) beginning of end for Native American cultures throughout Western Hemisphere, sometimes thru war, mostly by disease

D) reason... (Euros "won")
Euros had better specialized labor because of a larger

population because
of influence & control
over 3 of the 4 river
valleys of the Eastern
Hemisphere

— Western Hemisphere
people had fewer rivers
and less land, therefore
lower populations and
less specialized labor



- 24 # tall
- points out to sea
- Barcelona was where
KF & QI were, CC reported
to them in Bar after 1st
voyage