

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

Write a brief description of the key event occurring at the date indicated, including its *present-day significance*.

1. c.3000 BC

2. c.508 BC / c. 509 BC

3. c.4 BC

4. 476 AD

5. 1492 AD

6. 1776 AD

7. 9-11-2001

Part 2: The Renaissance

8. Using at least three of the anchor facts, explain how the birth of America is a part of a *rebirth* of Greek and Roman ideas.

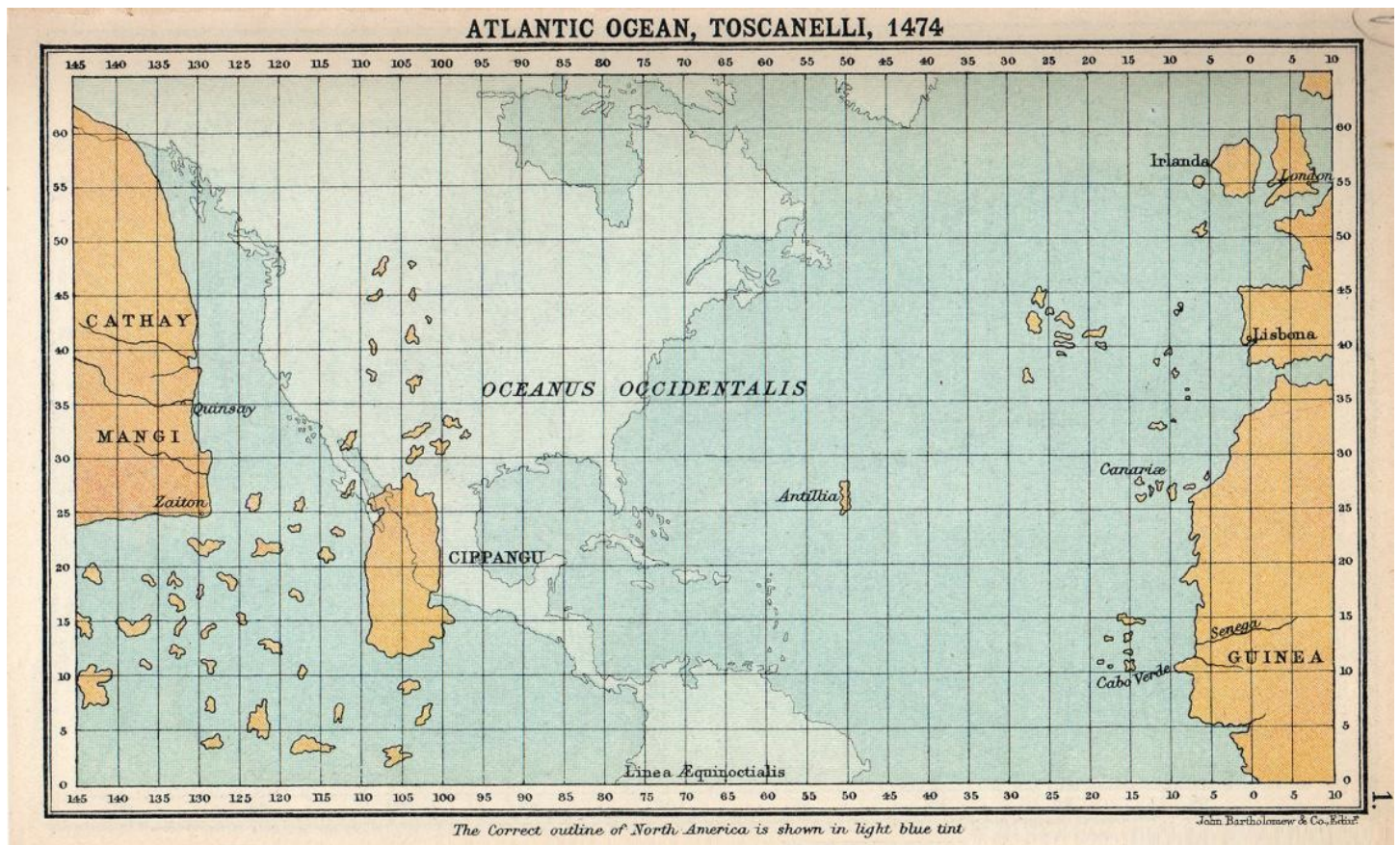
Part 3: The Age of Discovery

9. What Italian merchant inspired the explorers of the Age of Discovery? What part of the world did European explorers want to reach, and why, because of him?

10. Why is 1415 an important date in the Age of Discovery? What happened in that year? Explain its significance in relation to at least three of the anchor facts.

11. What are three competing views concerning the “discovery of America”? Why is Columbus’s voyage of 1492 by far the most important discovery in American history?

12. What was Columbus’s idea about reaching Asia? What does the following map show us about his idea and why he was wrong in a good way!? (Answer on the next page.)



13. What was the Treaty of Tordesillas of 1494? What country's fate was sealed by this arrangement?

Part 3: The Break-up of Christianity

14. What were the three main forms of Christianity that arose during the Age of Discovery? What did they have in common?

15. Explain the outcome of the *Schmalkaldic War* in relation to at least three anchor facts.

Part 4: Bonus

16. What were the names of Columbus's three ships on his voyage of 1492?

17. What was the name of the alliance that protected Martin Luther from the Holy Roman Emperor?

18. What were the names for China and Japan in Columbus's time?
