

**Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History**

Write a brief description of the key event occurring at the date indicated.

1. c.3000 BC

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2. c.508 BC / c. 509 BC

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3. c.4 BC

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4. 476 AD

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5. 1776 AD

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**Part 2: The Renaissance**

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

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7. What language does the word “Renaissance” come from, what does it mean, and what was the “renaissance” in art?

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**Part 3: The Age of Discovery**

8. 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?

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9. Why is 1415 an important date in the Age of Discovery? What happened in that year, and how is it connected to globalization?

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

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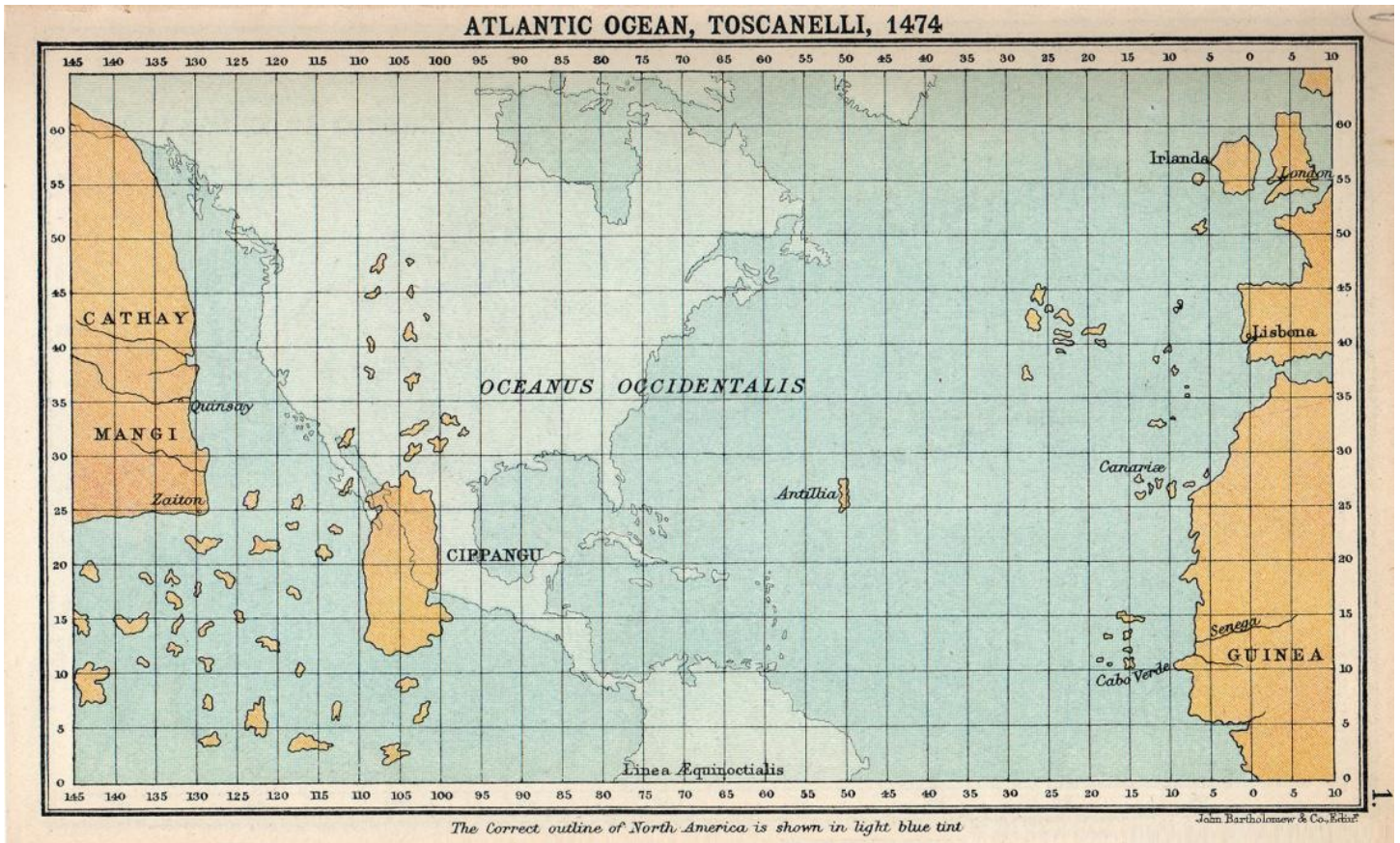
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11. What was Columbus's idea about reaching Asia? What does the following map show us about his idea and why he was wrong *in a good way!*



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

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**Part 3: The Break-up of Christianity**

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

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**Part 4: Bonus**

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

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

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

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