**Background:** In 1474, a man named Toscanelli developed these notions of the geography of the Atlantic Ocean, which directly influenced Christopher Columbus's plans to sell west to find a trade route to Asia. Yet, the map was not accurate. Columbus wanted to avoid having to go around the African continent to get to Asia and chose this route. *THE OUTLINE OF THE AMERICAS WAS NOT IN Toscanelli’s original MAP! Nobody in Europe even knew the Americas existed!*

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   His plans were ruined. There was a giant land mass in his way and no direct western sea route to Asia. Yet, he also had discovered new economic opportunities for Europe by discovering the new world of the Americas.

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   There was competition for resources, various conflicts with land claims, cultural barriers and differences, etc.