

# **AMERIGO VESPUCCI**

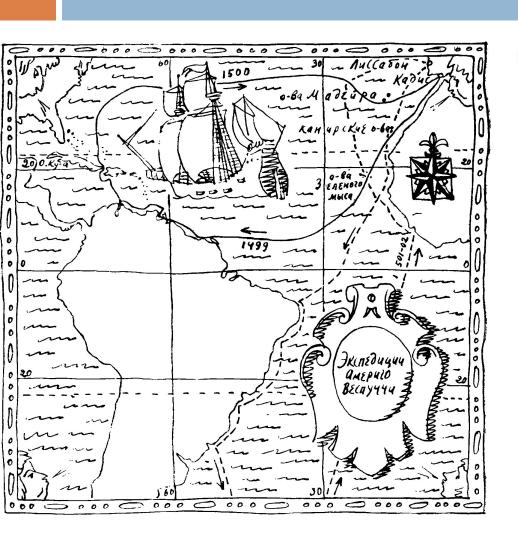
Italian explorer, financier, navigator and cartographer

#### His childhood



 Amerigo Vespucci was born on March 9, 1454 and raised in Florence, Italy. He was the third son of Ser Nastagio and Lisabetta Mini. Amerigo Vespucci was educated by his uncle, Fra Giorgio Antonio Vespucci.

### Expeditions



At the invitation of king Manuel I of Portugal, Vespucci participated as observer in several voyages that explored the east coast of South America between 1499 and 1502. On the first of these voyages he was aboard the ship that discovered that South America extended much further south than previously thought.





The expeditions became widely known in Europe after two accounts attributed to Vespucci were published between 1502 and 1504. In 1507, Martin Waldseemüller produced a world map on which he named the new continent America after the feminine Latin version of Vespucci's first name, which is Americus.

# Final years



 After his return to Spain, Vespucci became a Spanish citizen. He died on February 22, 1512 at his home in Seville, Spain.

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