Magellan, Elcano, and the first circumnavigation of the Earth
Circumnavigation: the action or process of sailing or traveling around something, especially the world.
Overview

- In **1519**, the **Crown of Castile** organized a voyage (trip) to the Maluku (Spice) Islands by sailing **west** across the Atlantic
- **Ferdinand Magellan** and **Juan Sebastian Elcano**
- The first voyage to circle the world took **3 years** & proved the Earth is round
The leaders

- **Ferdinand Magellan**
  - Born in Sabrosa, Portugal in 1480
  - Killed by indigenous people in the Philippines in 1521

- **Juan Sebastian Elcano**
  - Born circa (around) 1476 in Getaria, Castile
  - Took over as leader of Magellan’s expedition when Magellan was killed
  - Died in 1526 in the Pacific Ocean due to scurvy (lack of vitamin C, common for sailors)
The route

- Magellan and his crew sailed west from Spain, across the Atlantic Ocean
- The ship passed the Strait of Magellan from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean
- The crew crossed the Pacific Ocean and landed in the Philippines
  - Here, Magellan was killed by indigenous people and Elcano took over as the leader
- They sailed across the Indian Ocean, around the Cape of Good Hope in Africa, and up the western coast of Africa
- 6 September 1522: the expedition (with only 18 survivors) returns to Spain
Quiz

1. What important location was named for Ferdinand Magellan? Where is it?
2. How did Elcano die?
3. True or false?
   a. Magellan & Elcano’s voyage proved that the Earth is round.
   c. Magellan and Elcano were Portuguese sailors.
4. What was the goal of the expedition?
5. How long did the voyage take?