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## **Ship Background**

The ship I'm working on is called the caravel. The caravel was made in Portugal. Depending on what resource you use, you can get different information on when the caravel was used. One book says it was used from 1300 to 1600. Another says from 1400 to 1500. The caravel was widely used around then. The caravel was swift and good for fishing. The caravel weighs from ten to fifty tons.

Pictures of Caravel

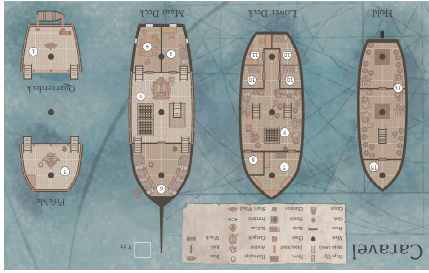


Figure 1. Inside of Caravel

From [http://www.wizards.com/dnd/images/MW\\_Stormwrack/01\\_Stormwrack\\_300\\_psi\\_dfg19.jpg](http://www.wizards.com/dnd/images/MW_Stormwrack/01_Stormwrack_300_psi_dfg19.jpg)

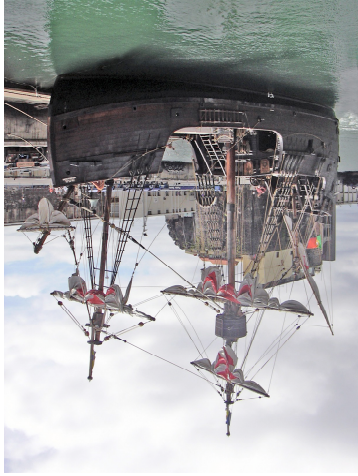


Figure 2. Replica of Santa Maria  
From [http://belize.mybelize.net/files/Replica\\_of\\_the\\_santa\\_maria10.jpg](http://belize.mybelize.net/files/Replica_of_the_santa_maria10.jpg)



Figure 3. Entire Caravel  
From [http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/blog/uploaded\\_images/r307551\\_1346440-793275.jpg](http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/blog/uploaded_images/r307551_1346440-793275.jpg)

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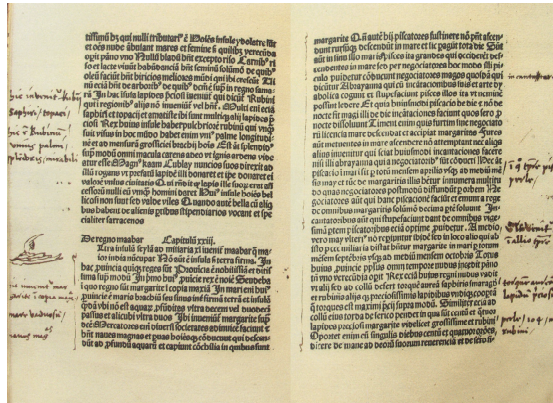


Figure 6. Book of Marco Polo with Columbus' Notes  
From <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cc/ColombusNotesToMarcoPolo.jpg>

Figure 7. Columbus' Signature  
From <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/9f/Firma-colon.JPG>

## Christopher Columbus' Voyage to America

### Biography and Reason for Sailing

Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 and got a job at ten years old. People from Europe wanted silk, gold, spices, and gems from the Indies. They got them by land and they wanted to go by seas in boats around Africa. However, Christopher Columbus wanted to go west. Christopher Columbus also wanted to make their religion grow.

Christopher Columbus new the world was round but thought it was a shorter distance to the Indies. When Christopher Columbus got to America, he built a fort, and left some men there thin he went back to Spain but when he got back, the fort was destroyed.

### Getting the Money

When Christopher Columbus wanted to go to the Indies, he needed money, so he went to the Queen. Queen Isabella said "No!" A couple years later, he tried again and the Queen said, "Yes!"

### The Ships

One of the ships that Christopher Columbus sailed was called the Santa Maria witch was the main ship. Christopher Columbus was from Italy. The Santa Maria Mira sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. The Santa Maria was a carrack with square and lateen sails, was the largest ship, and had a mid ship.

There were two more ships called the Nina and the Pinta. They both had three masts—two front, one back. The Nina was donated by the Nino family. The Pinta was donated by the Pinion family. The captains were family.

The Caravel has lateen sails (triangle sails). The Caravel can sail up winds. The Caravel can way 10-50 pounds and is smaller than the Galleon. The Caravel is good at fishing.

## Effects on Today

Caravels are great hear are two reasons that they are so good. Thanks to caravels, we have the U.S.A. The reason is that its so quick Spain didn't need to pack as much.

Also, caravels can go against the wind, which allowed them to go where they wanted.

And, here's the other reason. Ships are now plank to plank, not overlapping. This is good because water won't seep through. These are some reasons caravels are so good.

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## Maps

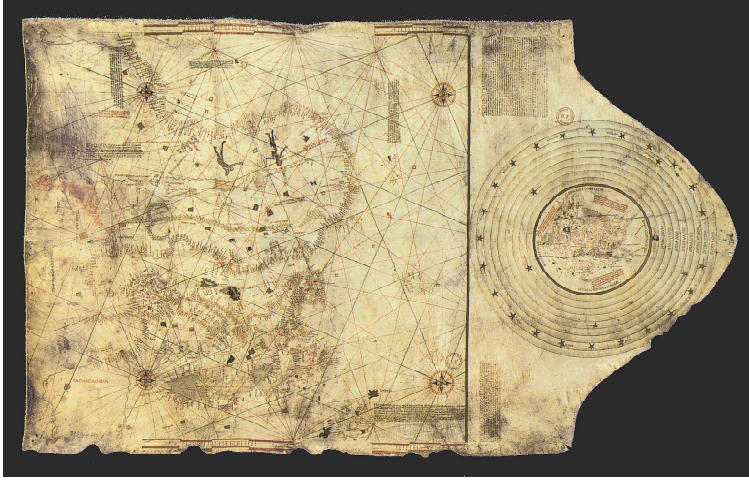


Figure 4. Map Columbus

From <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/38/ColombusMap.jpg> Used



Figure 5. Map of Columbus' First Voyage

From [http://hermes.hrc.utu.edu.tw/ictd/asp/periods/3/americas/picture\\_1.jpg](http://hermes.hrc.utu.edu.tw/ictd/asp/periods/3/americas/picture_1.jpg)

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