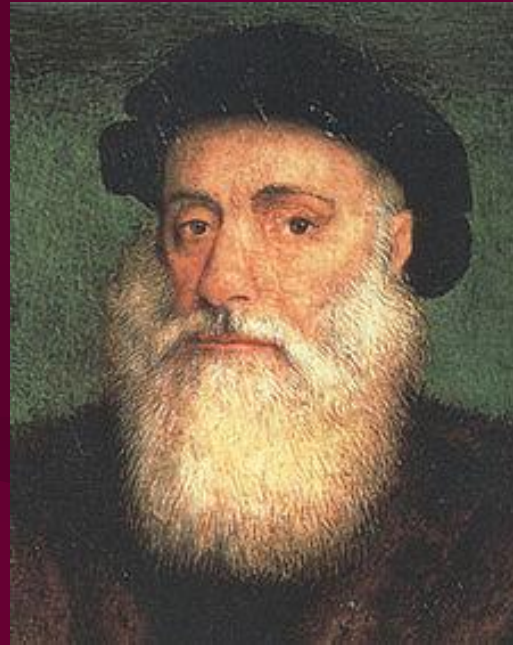




VASCO DE GAMA



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~Here's some background info..~

- **Vasco de Gama was born on 1460.**
- **He died on December 24, 1524, making him 54.**
- **He was a Portuguese explorer.**
- **He was the governor of Portugal with the title of Viceroy (a high ranking official)**
- **The Republic of Venice had taken control of the trade routes involving Europe and Asia. Portugal wanted to use the trade routes of Bartolomeu Dias to cut Venice off.**

~His First Voyage:~

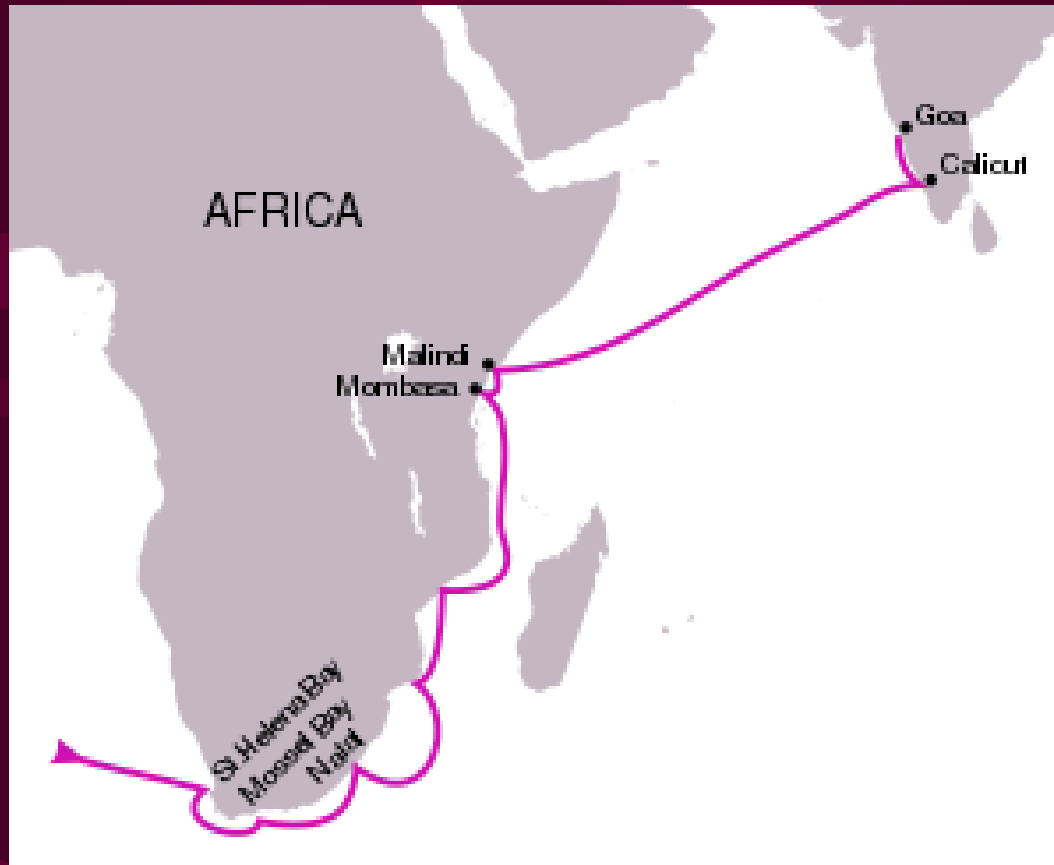
- **His first Voyage was on July 8, 1497**
- **He was accompanied by 170 men and a fleet of four ships.**
- **“São Rafael” was the name of his ship. It weight 178 tons, was 27 meters long, and 8.5 meters wide.**
- **He set sail from Lisbon and landed in the Cape of Good Hope.**

*~His First Voyage (cont.)

- **He was looking for riches to bring back to his ruler, but there were none**
- **The natives were getting suspicious, so they forced him out of their land.**
- **In conclusion, this trip was unsuccessful.**



~A Map of De Gama's First Voyage.~



~His Second Voyage.~

- **He had made this trip to make use of the favorable winds around the ocean.**
- **On February 12, 1502, De Gama sailed with a fleet of twenty warships with the mindset of enforcing Portuguese interests in the east.**
- **After arriving in Calicut, the native gave him trouble, so he attacked them and moved on.**

***~His Second Voyage~*(cont.)**

- **His next stop was Cochin, where the people were warm and friendly.**
- **After this trip, he returned to Europe with gold and silk.**
- **Later on, once he had reached the Indian Ocean, De Gama waited for a ship to return from Mecca and stole all the valuables on it.**
- **When De Gama re-arrived to Calicut on October 30, 1502 the Zamorin was willing to sign a treaty.**
- **After reviewing said treaty, he destroyed a Calicut fleet.**

~His Third, and last, Voyage.~

- **Vasco De Gama had earned himself the title of “fixer of problems” that started in India.**
- **De Gama was sent to the subcontinent once more time in 1524. (the purpose was that he was supposed to replace Eduardo de Menses as viceroy (representative) of the Portuguese.)**
- **Sadly, De Gama caught malaria not long after arriving in Goa and died in Cochin on Christmas Eve in 1524.**



~Fun Facts~

- **“São Rafael” (the boat that De Gama used on his first voyage) was burned because most of his crew members had scurvy and died.**
- **In 1539, his remains, which up to that time had lain in the Franciscan church there, were brought to Portugal and interred at Vidigueira.**
- **Contrarily to his very much unappealing personality, he had a wife and children.**



~Fun Facts~

- **De Gama was one of the first Europeans to take a journey by sea.**
- **Vasco De Gama was actually very harsh in his methods of leading a crew**
- **But, he had a reputation of always succeeding at what he started, one way or another.**



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