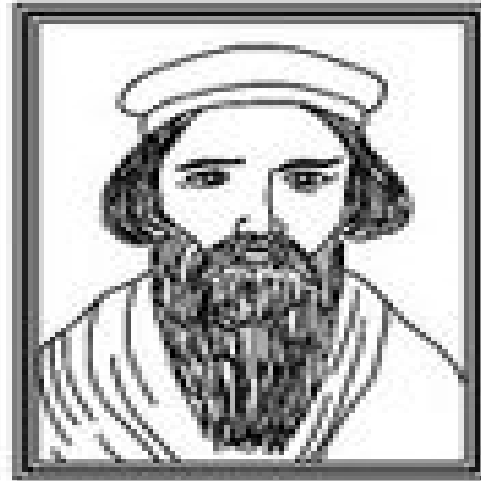


John Cabot

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John Cabot was born in the 1400s in Genoa, Italy. Later Cabot's family moved to Venice, Italy. Venice was a very famous trading port. Many people came to Venice to trade their goods. When Cabot grew up he became the captain of a trading ship and a mapmaker. He began traveling the Mediterranean Sea to Egypt to trade Italian goods for silk and spices. Many of the silk and spices came from China. Merchants who brought these goods from China to Egypt had to pay high taxes to the Turks who controlled the land between China and Egypt. Cabot longed to find a sea route to China so that the goods from China wouldn't have to be taxed causing them to be much more expensive.

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Comprehension Check:

1. When was Cabot born?

2. Where did his family move that inspired him to be an explorer?

3. What did Cabot long to find and why?

