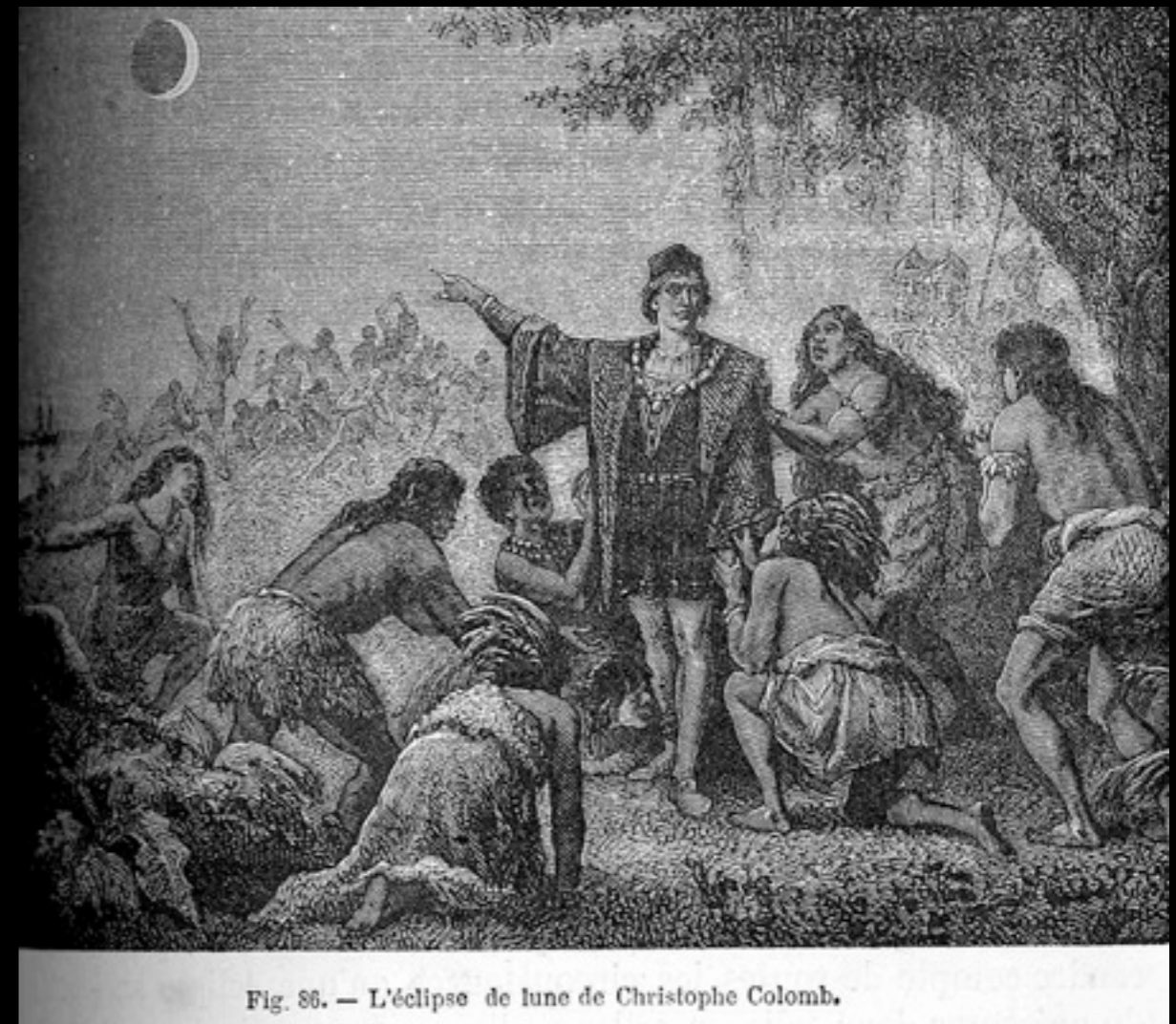


# Do Now: Tues. 12/7

- Take out your notes and respond to the following question.
- Why did Europeans choose to *colonize* the Americas despite the fact that no spices were found?



# Review Questions:

- Answer the following questions in your notes:
  - What factors drove European nations to explore overseas?
  - What technological advances made exploration possible?
  - Who paid for exploration?

# Focus Questions:

- What was the primary reason that Spain sought to establish colonies in America? Support your opinion with evidence from primary and secondary sources. Are you confident you have identified Spain's main reason for colonization? Why or why not?
- Who was Columbus?
- Why do historians debate about Columbus' legacy?

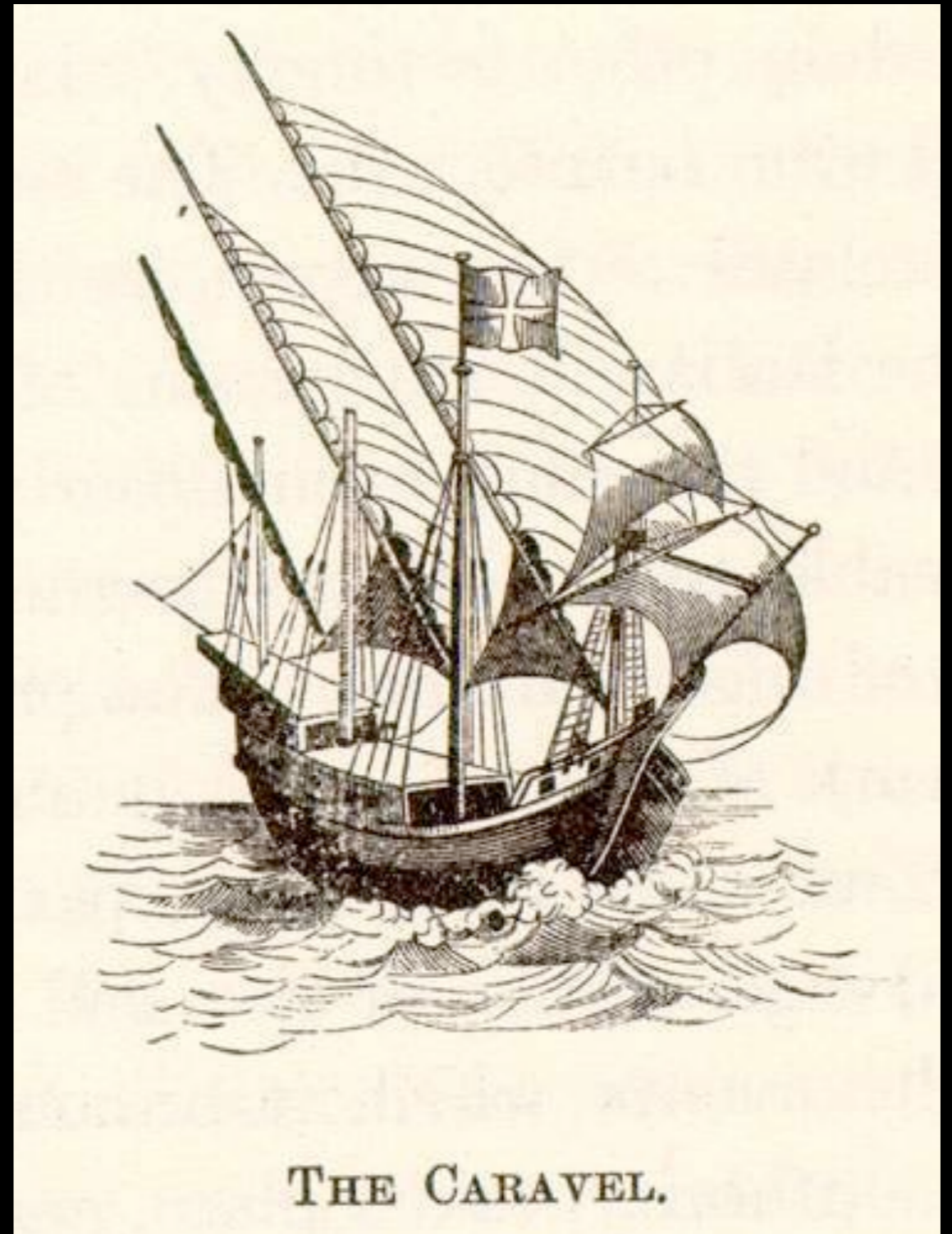
# Why did explorers go?

- **Gold** (wealth through spices)
- **God** - Residual hostility between Christians and Muslims after the Crusades
- Christians want to convert people throughout the world to Christianity
- **Glory** - Adventure, fame, prestige, honor from discovering new land

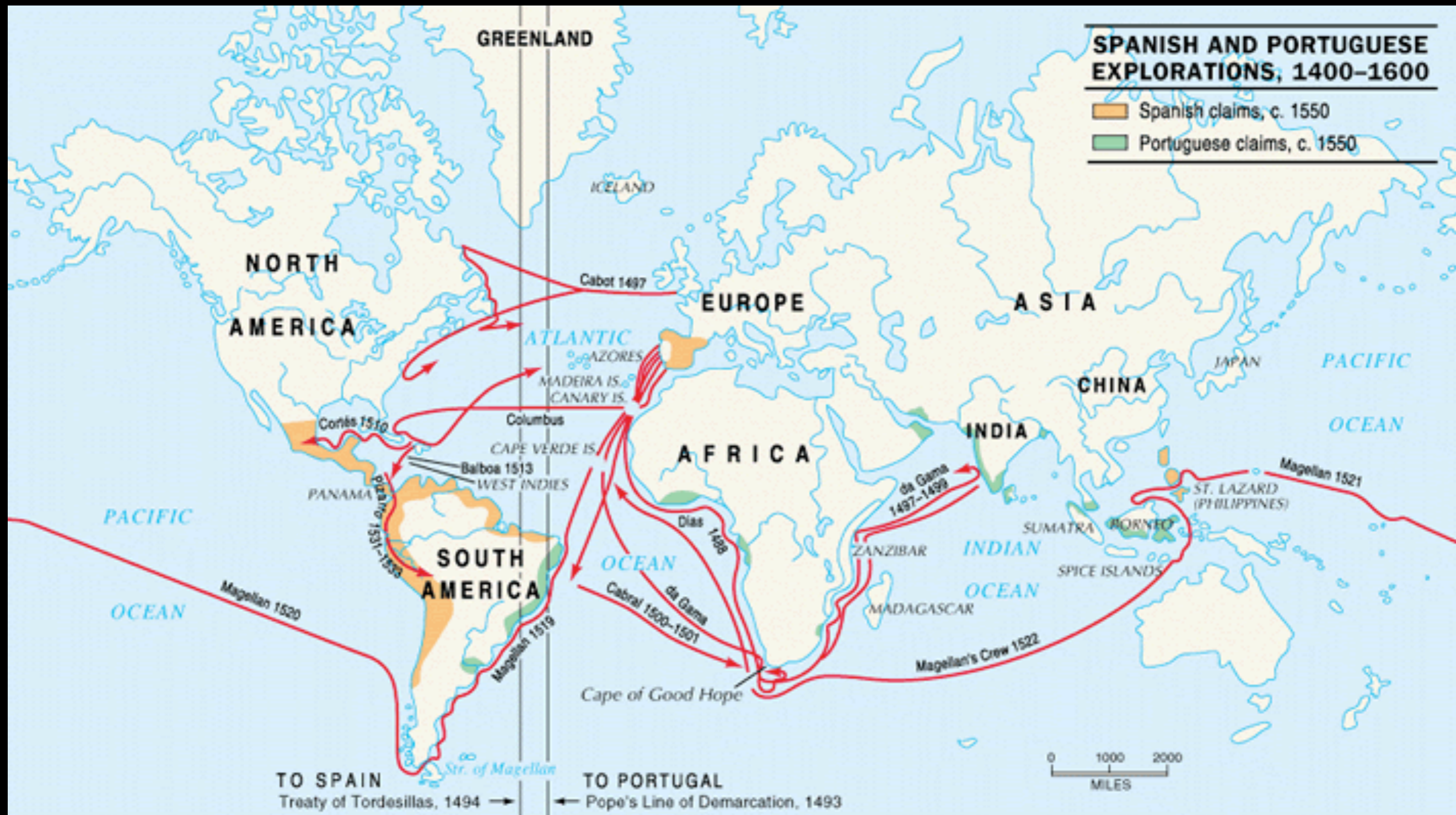


# Technological advances make exploration possible

- Caravel Ship
- Used triangular *lateen* sails - allowed them to sail into the wind
- Astrolabe
- Compass
- Maps - better maps - *printing press* to print them



# Who were the first to go?



# Who paid for this?

- Kings and Queens
- Joint-stock companies
  - group of investors - entrepreneurs
  - stock = division of ownership
  - dividend = \$ divided up at end of voyage

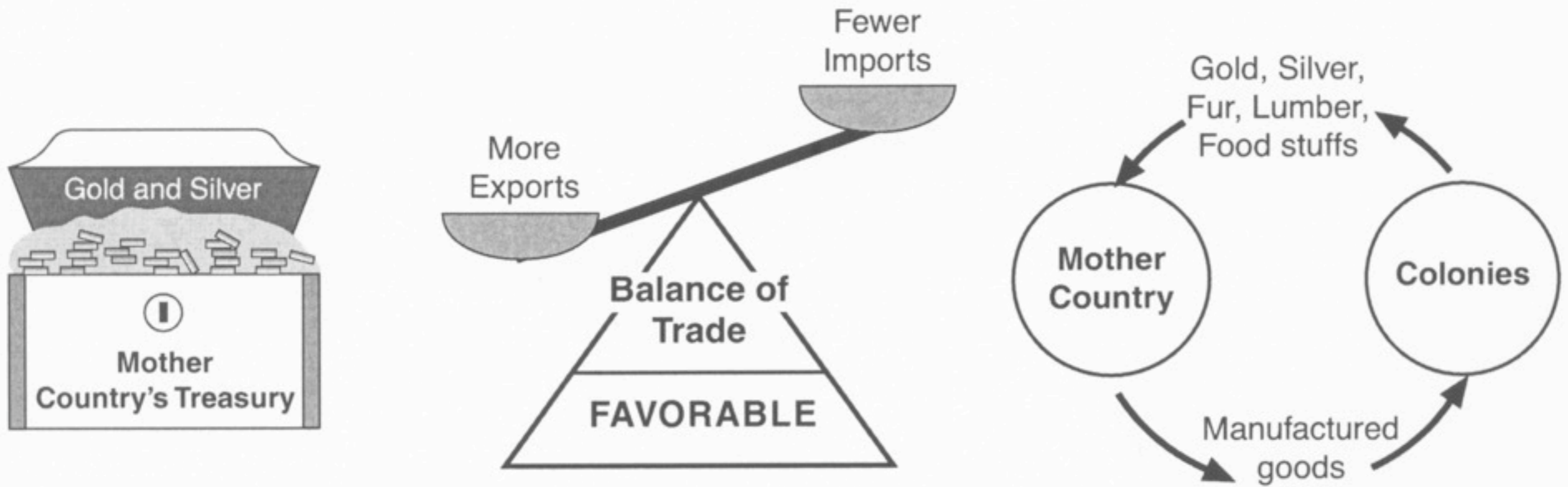


# New Economic Ideas

- A. Mercantilism - A country, to be powerful, should try to accumulate as much gold and silver as possible. Two ways:
  - Imperialism (country tries to take over land beyond its barriers)
  - A.k.a. for imperialism = colonization
  - Colonies existed to benefit mother country
- Tariffs: taxes on imported goods

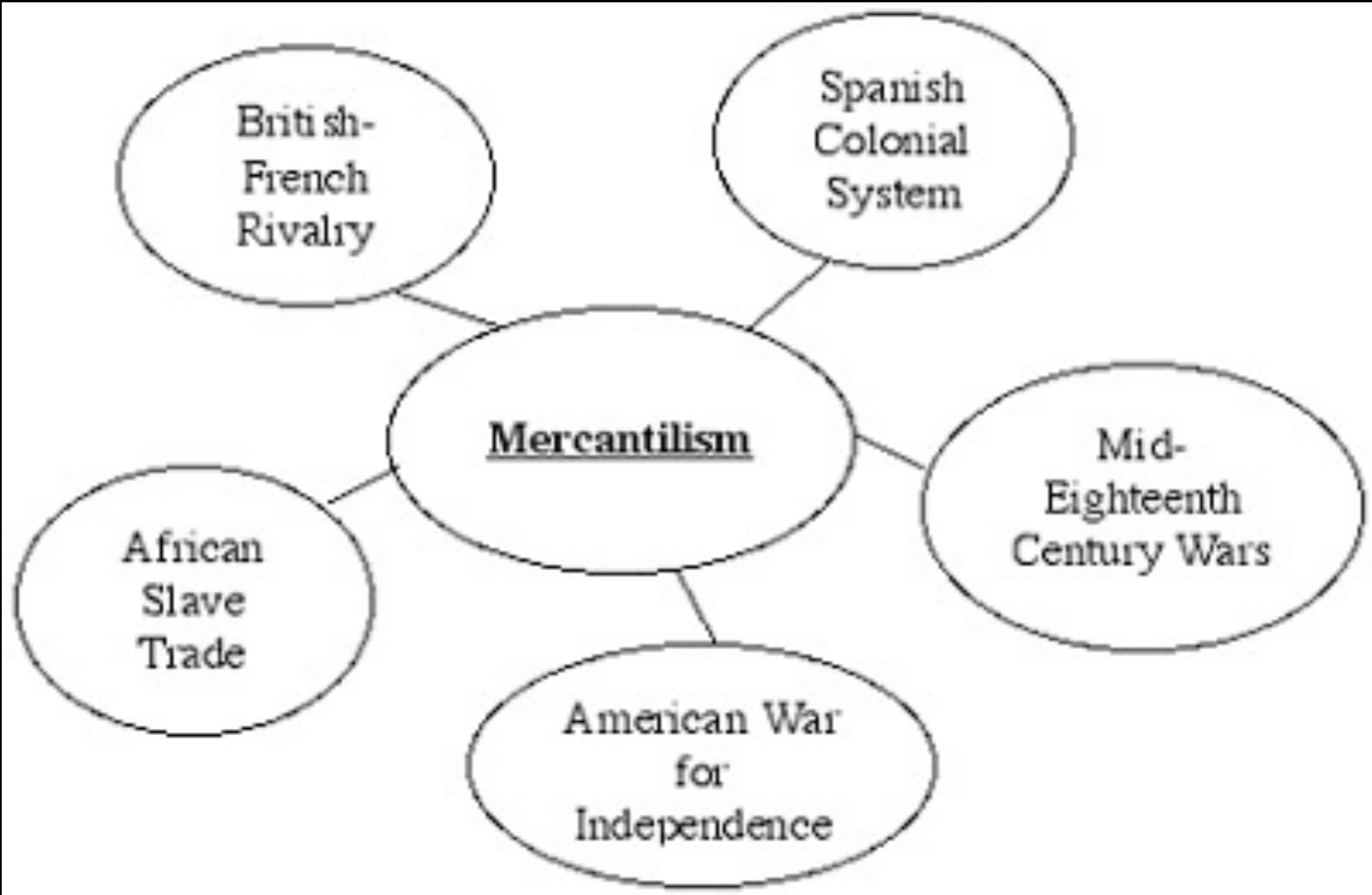
# Mercantilism

## A European View



# Mercantilism

- A. Mercantilism - An economic system where wealth equals power. Goal - get as much wealth in the form of gold and silver.
- Drives countries to:
  - Imperialism - economic, political, social domination over another land & people (country tries to take over land beyond its barriers)
  - A.k.a. for imperialism = colonization
  - Colonies existed to benefit mother country
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# Source Analysis Activity

- We will review several sources that tell the story of Columbus' discovery of the Americas ... which Europeans referred to as the "New World"