## Expanding Knowledge of the Globe

These maps demonstrate the European progression of geographical knowledge from the late 15<sup>th</sup> to the late 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Ptolemy Map of the World

1467



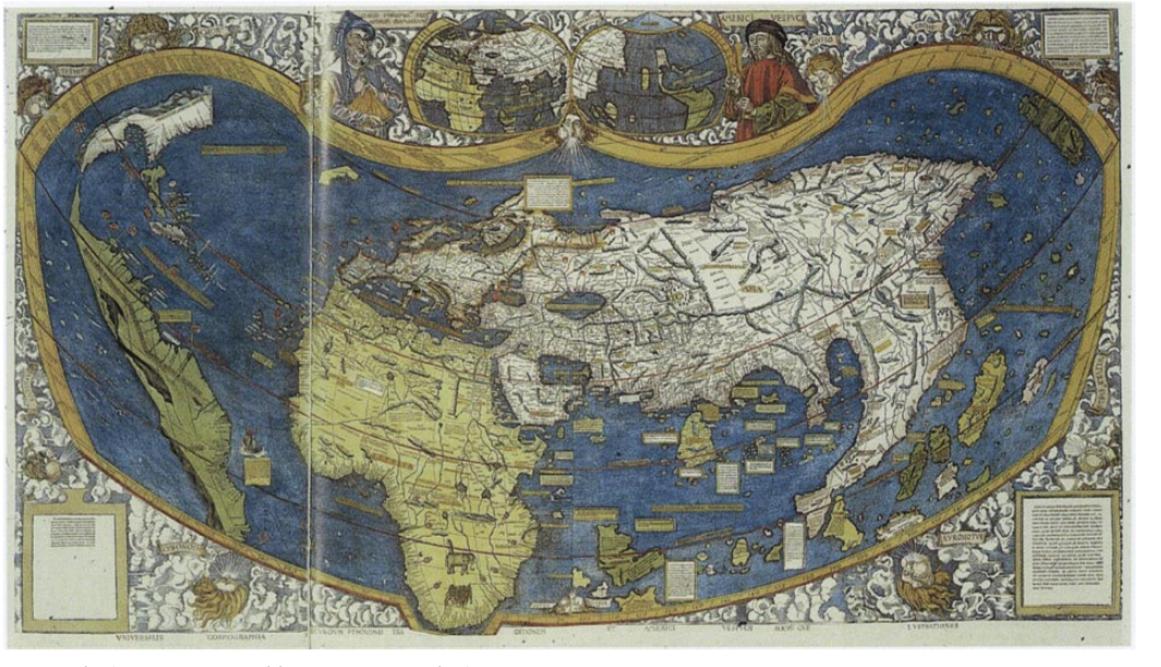
## 1467 Map of the World

- 1. How many years before Columbus sailed was this map made?
- 2. What continents are on this map?
- 3. What continents are missing from this map?
- 4. What other geographical inaccuracies are there on this map?

Martellus World Map

1489

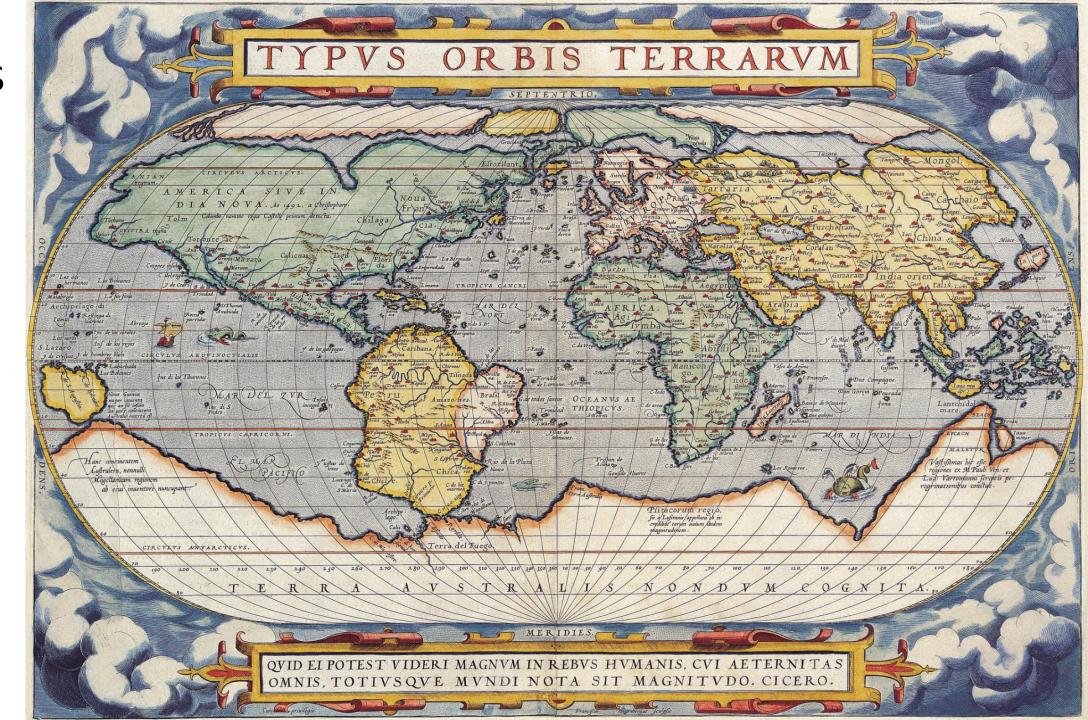




Waldseemuller World Map 1507

Ortelius World Map

1570



## 1489, 1507, 1570 Maps of the World

- 1. In Martellus' map, southern Africa is added. What does that indicate about European's knowledge of the globe?
- 2. How might discovering Africa's southern tip affect trade between Europe and Asia?
- 3. In Waldseemuller's map, part of the Americas are on the map. Why isn't all of the Americas on the map?
- 4. In Ortelius' map, by 1570, Europe had a clearer picture of world geography. But when compared to a modern day map, what had they yet to learn about global geography?