

# John Cabot

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**Giovanni Caboto** (Cabots **Italian** name) was born in **Genova**, probably around 1451 (**fourteen fifty one**). When he was a **child** or possibly a young man, he moved to **Venice**. One of his first ventures, possibly inspired by **Christopher Columbus**, was to find a **shorter route** to the west to find **spices** in Asia.

**King Henry VII** gave him a grant to sail from **England** with **five ships**. He chose England because Cabot felt the voyage from western Europe to eastern Asia would be **shorter** on higher latitudes. Cabot went to **Bristol** to make the preparations for his voyage. It was then was the **second**-largest seaport of England, and during the past years (from 1480 onwards) several voyages had been sent out to look for other **land**. It is believed that **Newfoundland** may have been found on one of these voyages.

Cabot had also made a voyage in 1496, but got no further than **Iceland**. He later made another voyage with only one vessel, the **Matthew**. It was a small ship (50 tons), but fast and able. The crew consisted of only **eighteen people**. He departed on 20 May, 1497 and he sailed to Dursey Head, **Ireland**, from where he sailed due west to Asia - or so he thought. He landed on the **American eastcoast** at 24 June, 1497. He went ashore to take possession of the land, and explored the coast for some time. Cabot's landfall is still unknown, because of lack of evidence. Many experts think it's on **Cape Breton Island**, but others look for it in Newfoundland, **Labrador** or **Maine**. When heading home his sailors thought they were going too far **north**, so Cabot sailed a more southerly course, reaching Brittany instead of England. On 6 August he arrived back in Bristol.

Back in England, Cabot got well **rewarded** (a **pension** of 20 pounds a year), and a patent was written for a new voyage. Cabot became the second **European** to discover North America. The next year, 1498, he departed again, with **five** ships this time. Except for one of the ships, that soon after depart made for an Irish port because of distress, **nothing** was heard of the expedition, or of John Cabot, ever since.

John's son **Sebastian** later made a voyage to North America, looking for the **northwest** passage (1508), and one to repeat Magellan's voyage around the world, which ended up looking for silver along the River Plate (1525-8).

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