

Tudor Exploration

The Tudor period lasted from 1485 to 1603, when kings and queens like Henry VIII and Elizabeth I ruled England. This was an exciting age of exploration, when English sailors set off on dangerous voyages to discover new parts of the world.

John Cabot was one of the first Tudor explorers. In 1497, he sailed from Bristol on a ship called the *Matthew* and landed in North America. He was looking for a new trade route to Asia.

Francis Drake became famous as the first Englishman to sail around the entire world, completing his voyage in 1580. Queen Elizabeth I was so pleased that she made him a knight.

Walter Raleigh tried to set up an English settlement in America, and he is also said to have brought potatoes and tobacco back to England.

Tudor sailors used instruments called astrolabes and compasses to navigate. Their wooden ships were small compared to the vast oceans they crossed. These explorers helped make England a powerful and important country.

Questions

1. When did the Tudor period begin and end?
2. Name two Tudor monarchs mentioned in the article.
3. Which city did John Cabot sail from in 1497?
4. What was the name of John Cabot's ship?
5. What was John Cabot looking for when he set sail?
6. What did Francis Drake achieve in 1580?
7. What did Queen Elizabeth I do to reward Francis Drake?
8. Who is said to have brought potatoes and tobacco to England?
9. Name two instruments Tudor sailors used to navigate.
10. Why do you think Queen Elizabeth I wanted explorers to discover new lands?



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