

## Tudor Exploration

Long ago, about 500 years ago, England had kings and queens called the Tudors. During this time, brave sailors set off on long, dangerous journeys across the sea to discover new lands.

One famous explorer was John Cabot. He sailed from Bristol in a ship called the *Matthew* and reached North America in 1497. Another great explorer was Francis Drake. He was the first English person to sail all the way around the world!

The sailors used wooden ships and had no computers or phones to help them find their way. They used the stars and special maps. The journeys could take many months.

These brave Tudor explorers helped England learn about faraway places and brought back exciting new things like spices and gold.



## Questions

1. What were the kings and queens of England called during this time?
2. About how long ago did Tudor exploration happen?
3. What was the name of the famous explorer who sailed from Bristol?
4. What was the name of John Cabot's ship?
5. Where did John Cabot sail to?
6. In which year did John Cabot reach America?
7. Who was the first English person to sail around the whole world?
8. What did the sailors use to help them find their way?
9. Name two things the explorers brought back.
10. Why do you think the sailors needed to be brave?

