



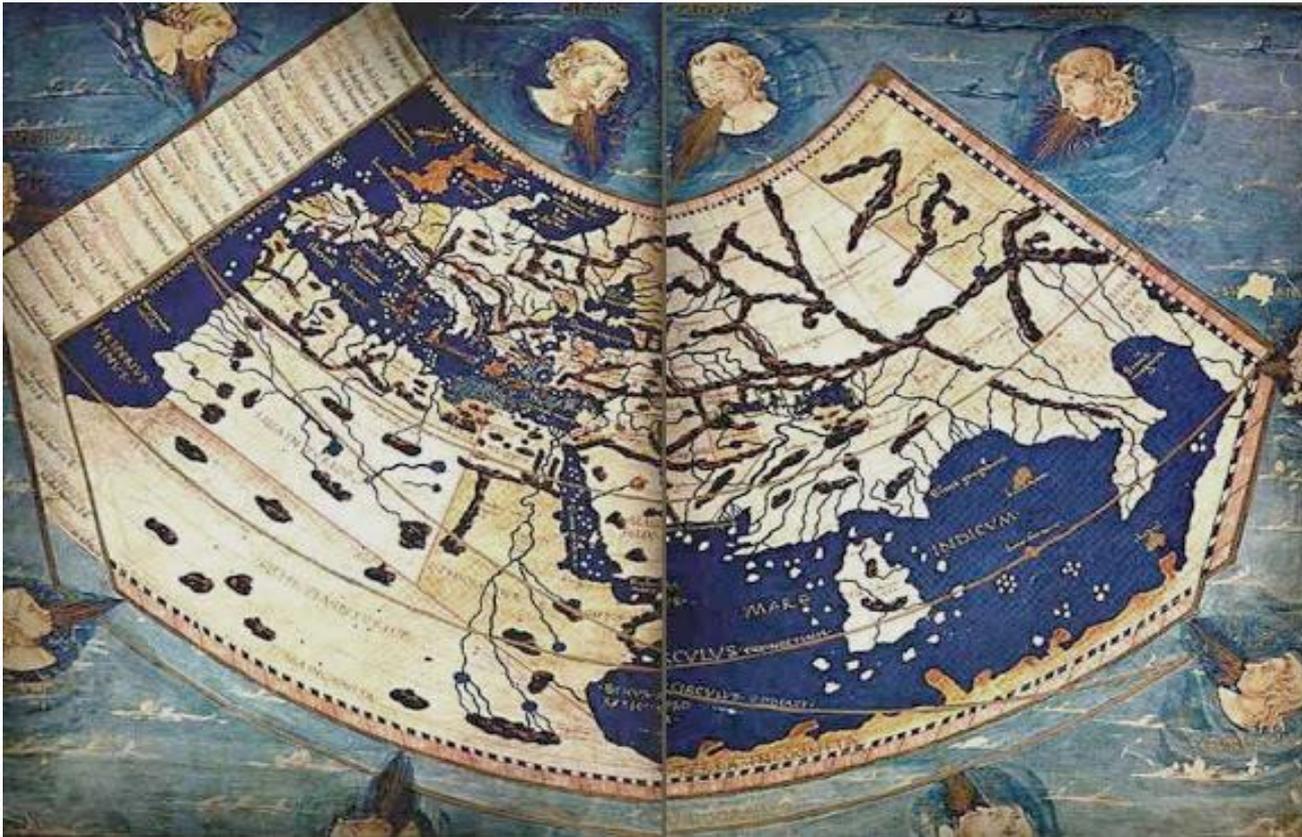
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The Portuguese maritime expansion

In the beginning of the 15th century, the Europeans considered that Europe was the centre of the world. About the other continents and oceans very little was known or accurate.



Portugal was the first European nation to venture into the maritime expansion in the 15th century and face the dangers and fears of the **Sea of Darkness**.

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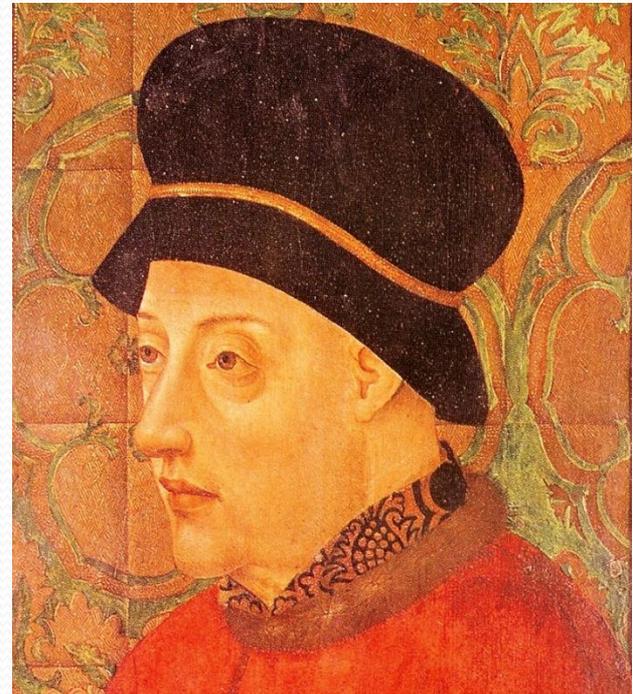


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und auf dem Lande gefunden werden.
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Portugal had **favourable conditions**, which allowed it to anticipate the other European nations.

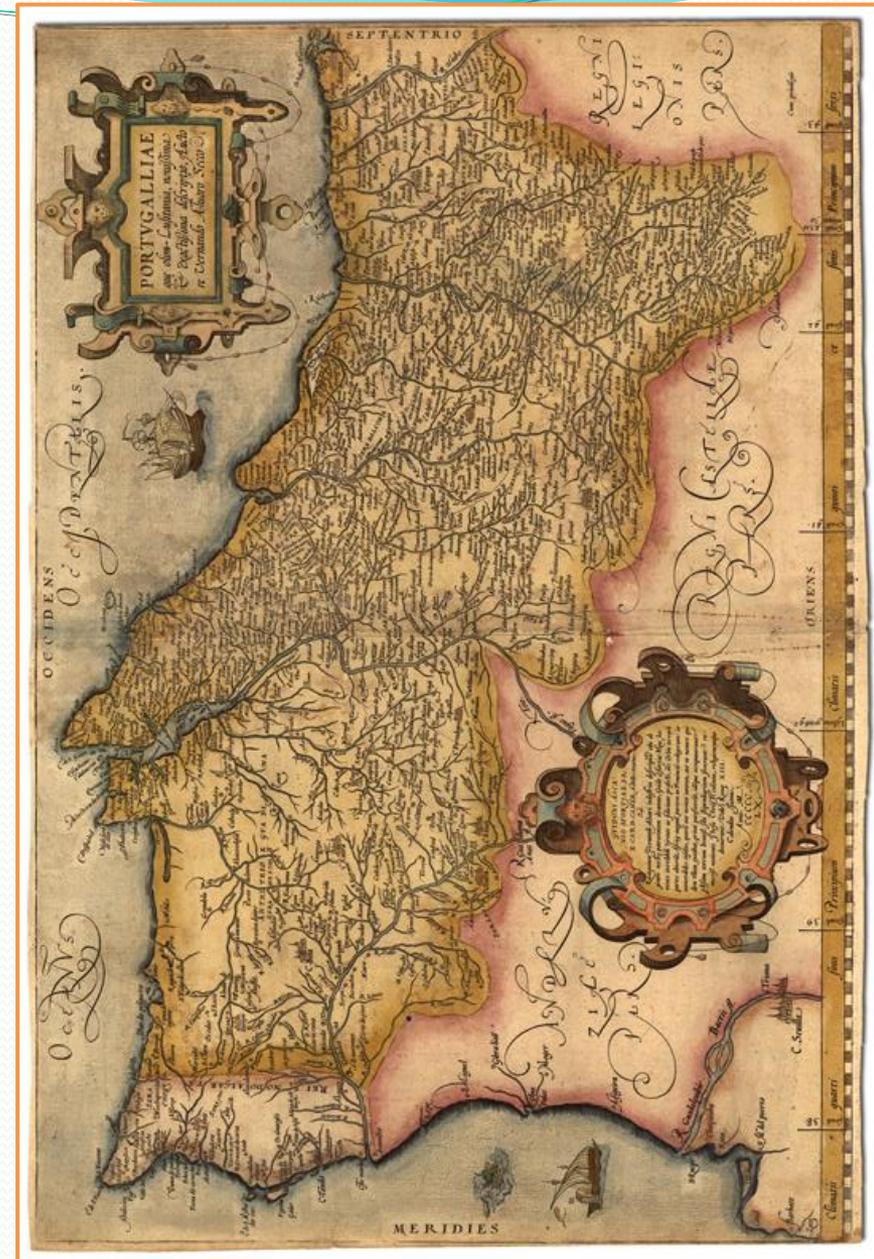
The **King's** prestige, the internal social **peace** and the **politic unity**, with borders well defined.



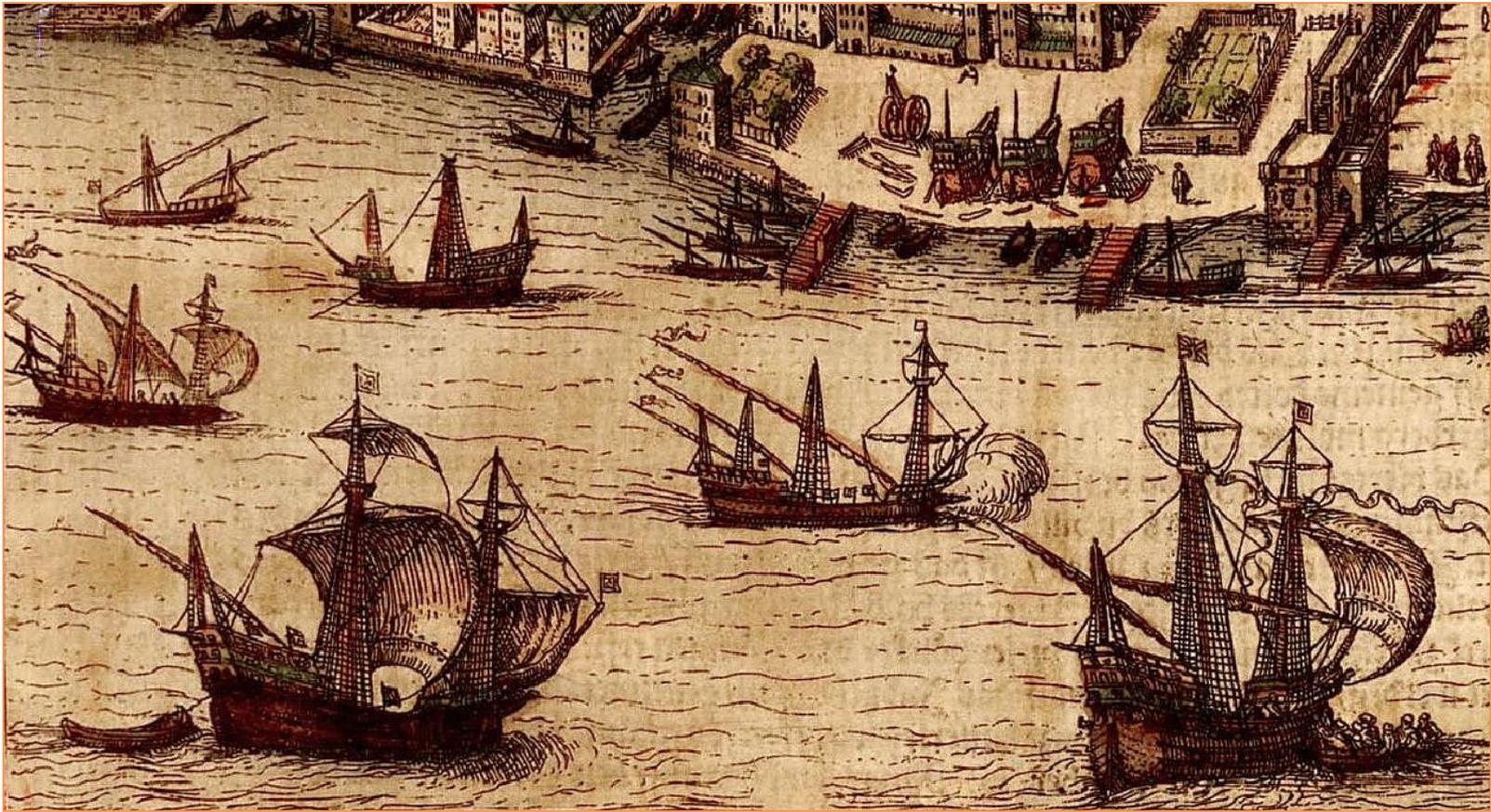
D. João I (1385-1433),

A long atlantic coast,
with good sea ports,
allowing for a great
maritime experience.

Portugal (16th century map).



Several types of ships and naval industry.

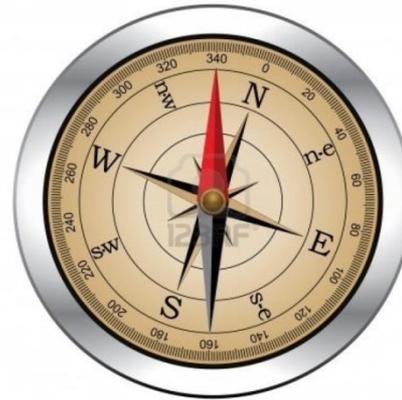


Several types of ships in Lisbon, 16th century illustration.

Advanced technical navigation instruments.



Quadrant



Compass

Astrolabe



Backstaff



Portuguese Caravel

Great **commitment** of the **Crown** and all the other **social groups**



São Vicente de Fora Panels, Nuno Gonçalves, 15th century

During the 15th century, the **Portuguese expansion** had many different stages.

It started, in **1415**, with the **conquest of Ceuta**, in North Africa.



Illustration of the city of Ceuta, 16th century

In the beginning of the 16th century, Portugal created a vast **Empire**. Several territories in the other continents began to be controlled by Portuguese soldiers and traders. The world became, for the first time, to be in **direct and global contact**.

In the first half of the 16th century, **Lisbon** became one of the most important **world trade centres**.

Lisbon in the 16th century.

