



Sebastian Cabot (1474-1557)

Explorer and Cartographer

c. 1474

Sebastian Cabot, son of John Cabot, was born, probably in Venice.

1508

Sebastian Cabot, son of John Cabot, an accomplished mapmaker and navigator, with King Henry VII's support, set sail to discover western lands.

1509

Sebastian Cabot arrived back in England only to find that King Henry VII had died and Henry VIII was King. The new King was not as supportive of Cabot's exploration as his predecessor.

1526

Having moved to Spain, Sebastian Cabot secured the Spanish ruler's support to find an easier and safer strait than Magellan's. In 1526, he set sail with four ships. He spent four years sailing off the east coast of South America.

1530

Explorer Sebastian Cabot returned to Spain in disgrace as he had not found a better passage around the continent.

1547

Sebastian Cabot left Spain and returned to England.

1557

Sebastian Cabot, having returned to England from Spain to live as a mapmaker, died.