Italian Navigators of the Renaissance

Columbus was one of many Italian based navigators, map makers and seamen that used the latest technology of their time in service of the emerging modern nations of Europe. These navigational skills opened the world to commerce. Within 30 years of Columbus' voyages of discovery the world was circled and Columbus' theories were proven true.

Italian explorers, Cristoforo Colombo, Giovanni and Sebastiano Caboto, Amerigo Vespucci and Giovanni Verrazzano were among the maritime navigators from the Italian Peninsula who set off into the unknown. We can appreciate these men of the sea, their accomplishments and the technological genius of the Renaissance which made their voyages possible.

Columbus of Genoa sailed for Spain, Caboto of Venice sailed for England, Verrazzano of Florence sailed for France and Vespucci of Florence sailed for Spain. Each of the claims of these nations in the New World were established by Italian Navigators.