

Now, you all know "in 1492... Columbus sailed the ocean blue"... *Y'know I never liked that little rhyme... but, that's another story.*

The king and queen of Spain were looking for a faster way to get to India and China. *Instead... I discovered what was to be called the "New World."*

OK... I made a wrong turn.





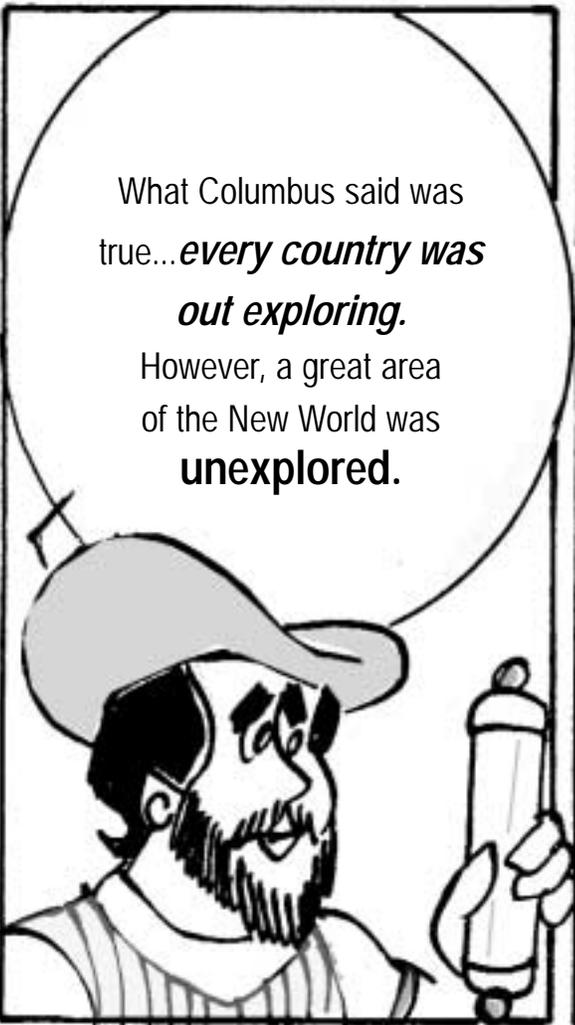
The Spanish explored the areas of the "New World" that we now call Florida, the Caribbean Islands, and Central and South America. The English and Portuguese explored Newfoundland.

*And now to explain more about New Jersey explorers,*

**HEEEEEEEERE'S...**

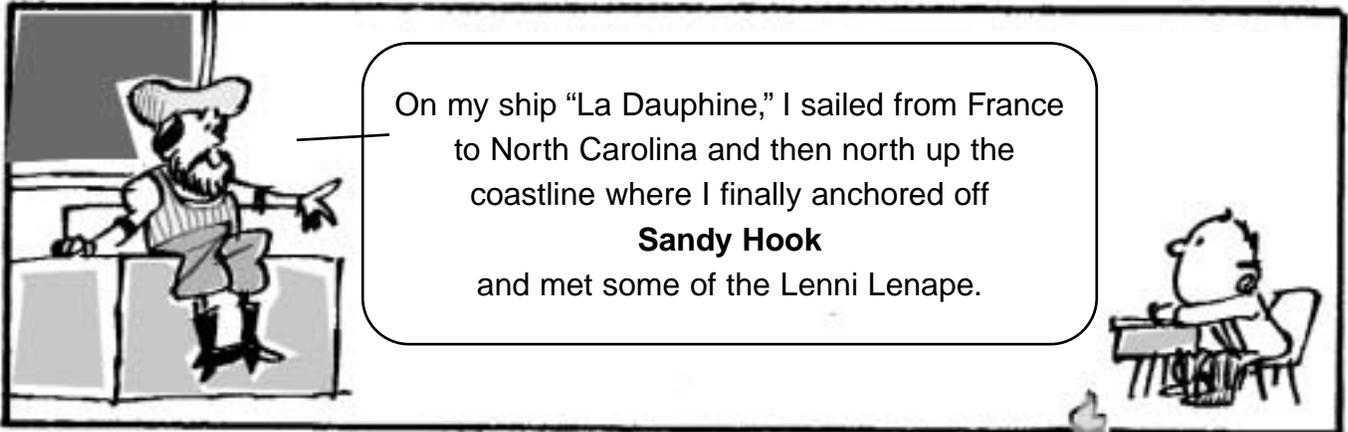


# ...Giovanni da Verrazano

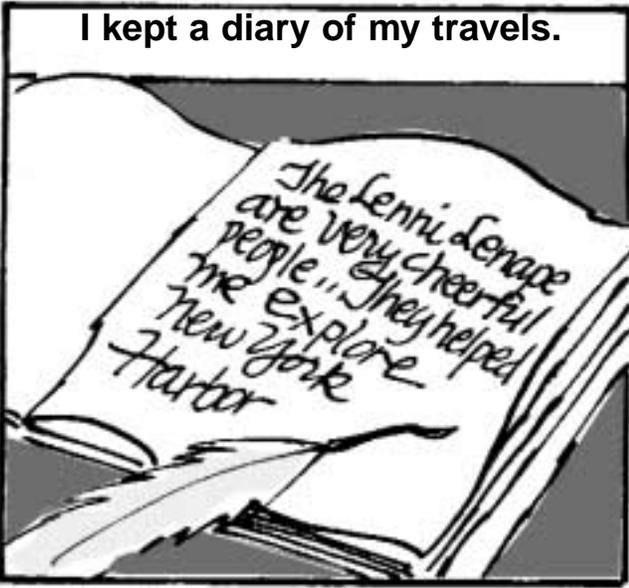


My crew and I were the first Europeans to see New Jersey.





On my ship "La Dauphine," I sailed from France to North Carolina and then north up the coastline where I finally anchored off **Sandy Hook** and met some of the Lenni Lenape.



I kept a diary of my travels.

The Lenni Lenape are very cheerful people. They helped me explore New York Harbor

For those of you who aren't familiar with New York Harbor - that's where the Statue of Liberty now stands.



Of course I couldn't speak the language of the Lenni Lenape and they couldn't speak Italian.

All of our communication was done through sign language.

And now let me *introduce* our next explorer... an *Englishman* working for the *Dutch*...



**Henry Hudson!**  
Thank you...  
No applause please.

Thank you!  
Thank you!

After my good friend Verrazano set foot in Jersey, **nearly 80 years** went by before I, an Englishman exploring for the Dutch, arrived in **1609**. By **1624** a Dutch colony was formed in what was then called "the northeast territory."



What is now **Bergen County** was called **New Netherland**.



Now, let me introduce you to our next guest,  
**Cornelius J. Mey!**

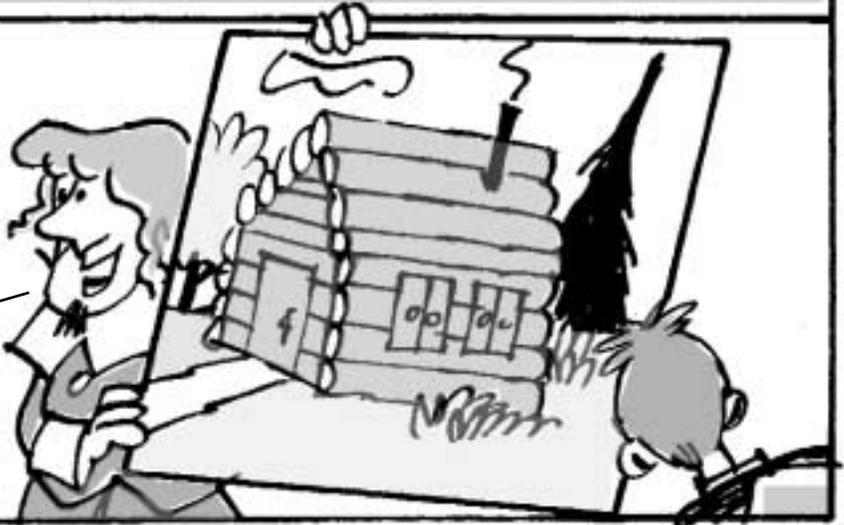
Thank you, Henry... H'lo class...  
**I'm Cornelius J. Mey**, another Dutch explorer who in **1623** arrived in **southern Jersey**. **Cape May** is named after me...  
**Yes, they misspelled my name... can you believe it... a simple M-E-Y...**

**But, I hold no grudge...** Cape May is a beautiful place... OK...  
**Let's see where was I?** Oh Yes, I'm telling you about early Jersey explorations.



Well, now... In 1638 a Swedish Colony settled along the Delaware River, but that colony fell under Dutch control by 1655. The Swedish Colony was most important because the Swedes introduced the construction of log cabins to America.

As a matter of fact... the very *first* log cabin in America was built in New Jersey!



Mr. Mey,  
How did the British  
get involved in the  
exploration of  
New Jersey?

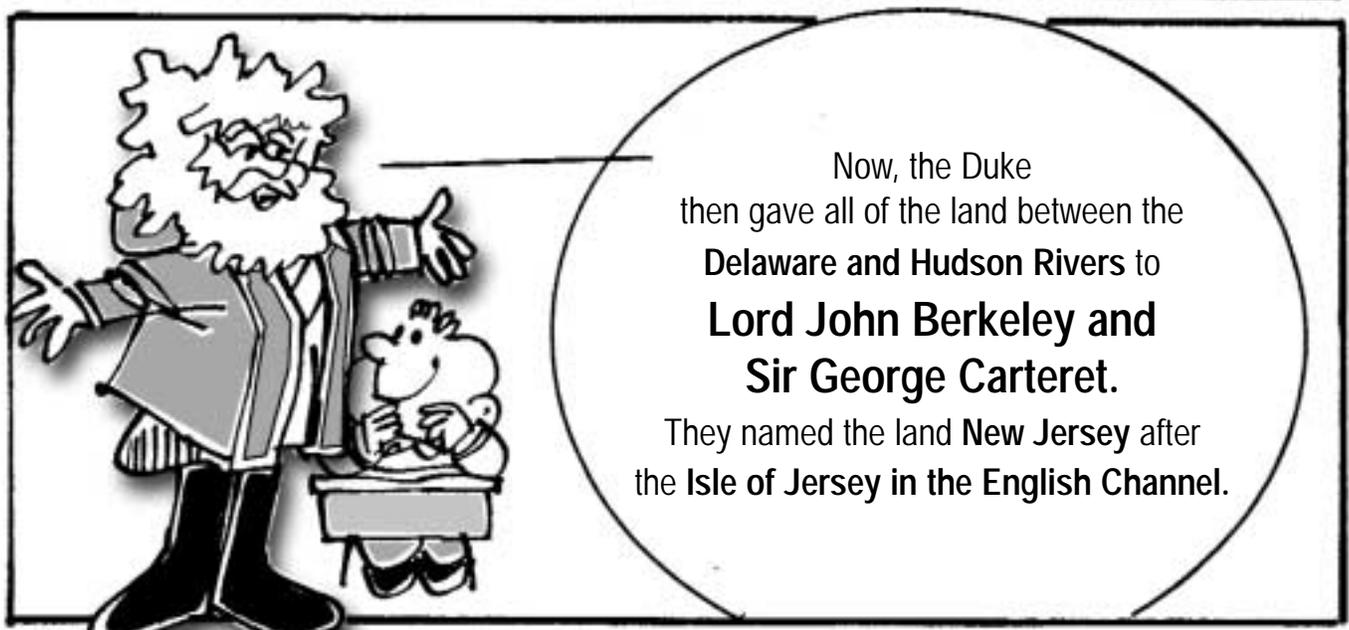
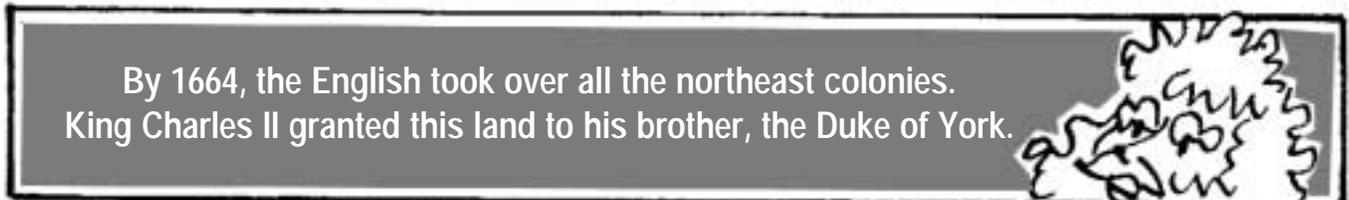
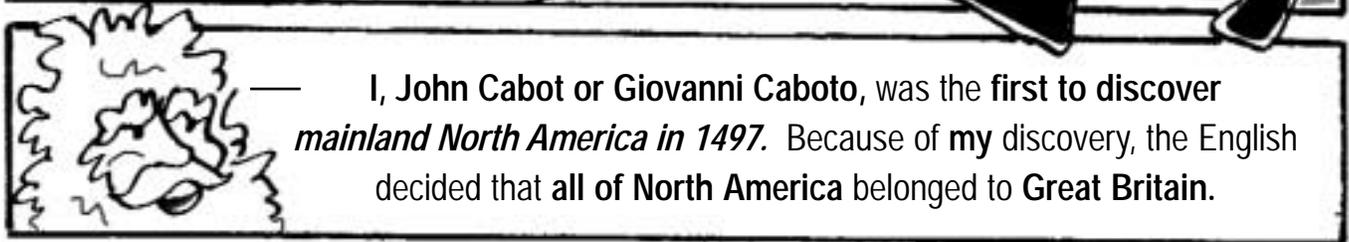
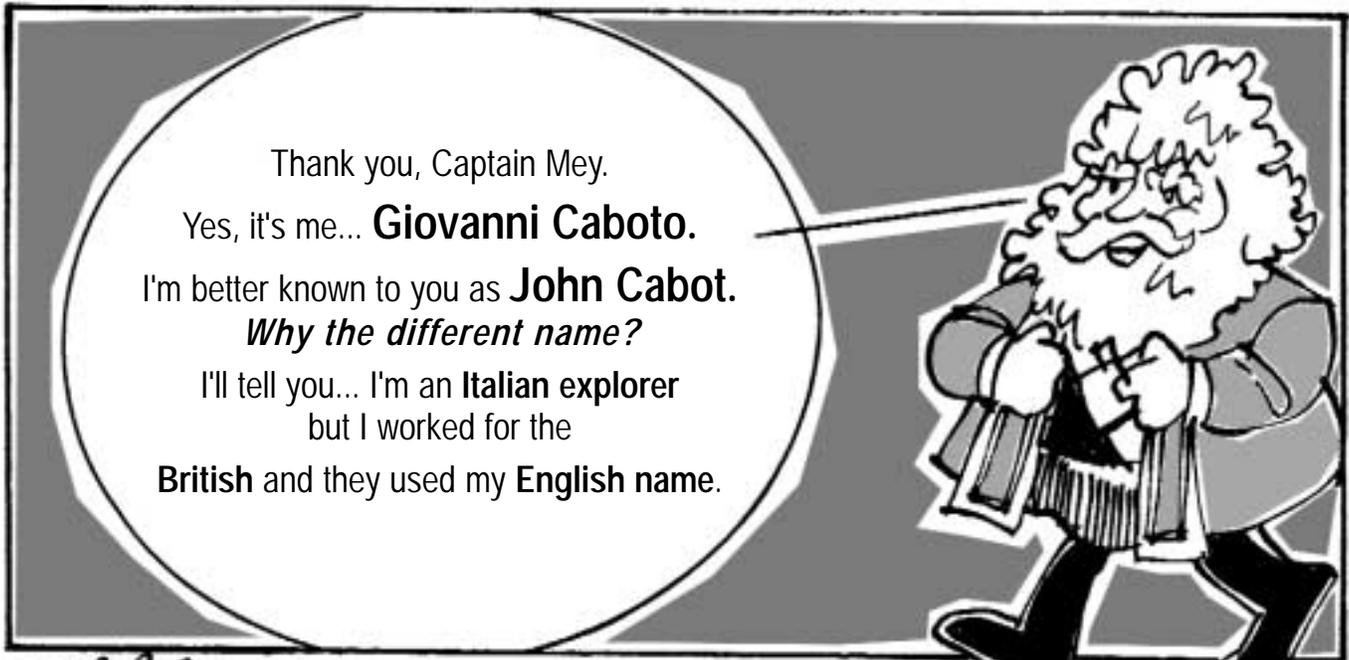


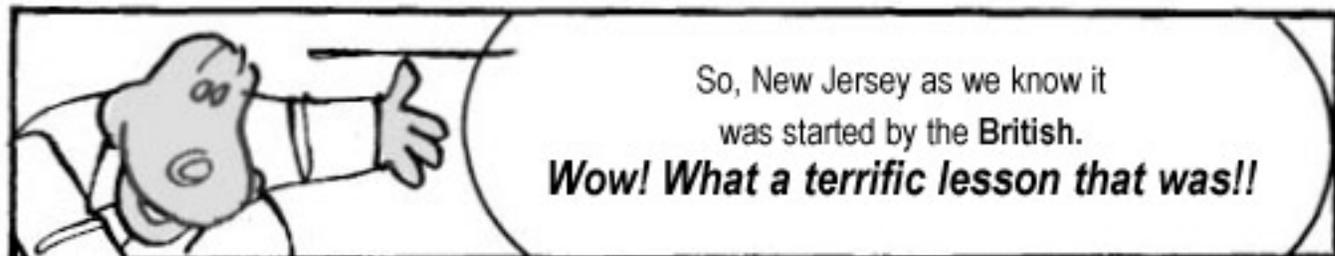
Eh.. *Captain Mey*... and that's a very good question...

...and the best one to answer it is another Italian explorer...

**Giovanni Caboto**







I'd like to thank our guest lecturers, *Christopher Columbus, Giovanni da Verrazano, Giovanni Caboto or John Cabot, Henry Hudson and Cornelius J. May...*  
Eh... I mean Mey, for a wonderful, well done job.

