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- Magellan was born in Portugal. He grew up in a wealthy family and served as a page
- in the royal court. He enjoyed sailing and exploring and sailed for Portugal for many
- years. Magellan had travelled to India by sailing around Africa, but he had the idea that
- there may be another route by travelling west and around the Americas. The King of
- Portugal did not agree and argued with Magellan. Finally, he went to visit King
- Charles V of Spain who agreed to fund the voyage.

- In September of 1519 Magellan set sail his attempt to find another route to Eastern
- Asia. There were over 270 men and 5 ships under his command. The ships were the
- Trinidad, the Santiago, the Victoria, the Concepcion and the San Antonio.
- They first sailed across the Atlantic and the Canary Islands. From there they sailed
- south to Brazil and the Coast of South America. Soon he found the passage he was
- seeking. He called it the All Saints' Chanel, today the Straits of Magellan.

- Finally, he entered into a new ocean on the other side of the new world. He called the
- ocean the Pacific. It took four months for the ships to make it to the Mariana Islands.
- Then the ships headed to the Philippines where he and 40 men were killed in a battle
- in 1521.

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- He was born in 1476 in Getaria, Gipuzkoa in Spain. From his childhood he was a sailor and
- a fisherman.
- Charles V had selected Magellan to lead an expedition made up of 5 ships and 239 men to find
- out a shortcut to the Far East by going around the tip of South America. Elcano was selected
- as Magellan second-in-command. When Magellan was killed in 1521, Elcano commanded
- the last ship in the expedition. They left the Spice Islands in December. On September 8, 1522.

- Elcano and his crew reached Spain completing Magellan's expedition. The King gave him
- his Coat of Arms. He died in 1526.
- The voyage proved that the Earth was round.