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Explorers Slide Show Excerpt

NARRATION FOR SLIDES

5. Long ago people sailed from ports that looked much like this one in Europe. For a long time many people believed that the world was flat and the sea was a terrible, monster-filled river that surrounded the land. They were afraid to sail out very far. They thought they'd fall off the edge of the world.

Painting by Canaletto, "VENICE, THE QUAY OF THE PIAZZETTA," courtesy of National Gallery of Art, Washington, gift of Mrs. Barbara Hutton.

6. But daring explorers braved the high seas, battling winds, waves, and currents, seeking new sea paths and unknown lands. Their discoveries linked the people of the world by sea routes.

Painting courtesy of Kendall Whaling Museum, Sharon, MA.

7. In the days when whales--like this sperm whale--were hunted with hand thrown harpoons, the battles between whales and men were long and fierce. Whales were especially prized for their fine oil. Whale oil was once widely used in oil lamps.

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