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**A Look Inside *Columbus: The Four Voyages*
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Description: World map, c1489, of Henricus Martellus. A similar map is believed to have influenced Columbus's ideas about his first voyage.

Description: Woodcut from 1493 of Native Americans fleeing in fear of Columbus as he sets foot on the Bahama island "Guanahani."

Description: A 1493 woodcut accompanying Columbus's "Letter on the First Voyage," illustrating his arrival in the Indies.

Description: World map, 1500, of Juan de la Cosa, cartographer and navigator on Christopher Columbus's second voyage of 1493-94.

Description: The first page of Columbus's 1492 manuscript *The Book of Privileges*.

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