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## Clue # 3

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- Vespucci's discovery was titled Mundus Novus which means "New World" in Latin. Vespucci wanted to explore more but the Spanish government did not welcome his proposals to explore the Indian Ocean and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Vespucci was eventually funded by Portugal.
- In 1503, Vespucci sailed under the Portuguese flag. He recorded new wildlife and native people but no new discoveries of land were made. The return route remains a mystery.
- To some, this was Vespucci's last voyage. However, some historians believe that Amerigo made a fifth and sixth voyage.

What is Ceylon known as today?

- A. Rio de Janeiro  
B. Patagonia  
C. Sri Lanka  
D. Brazil

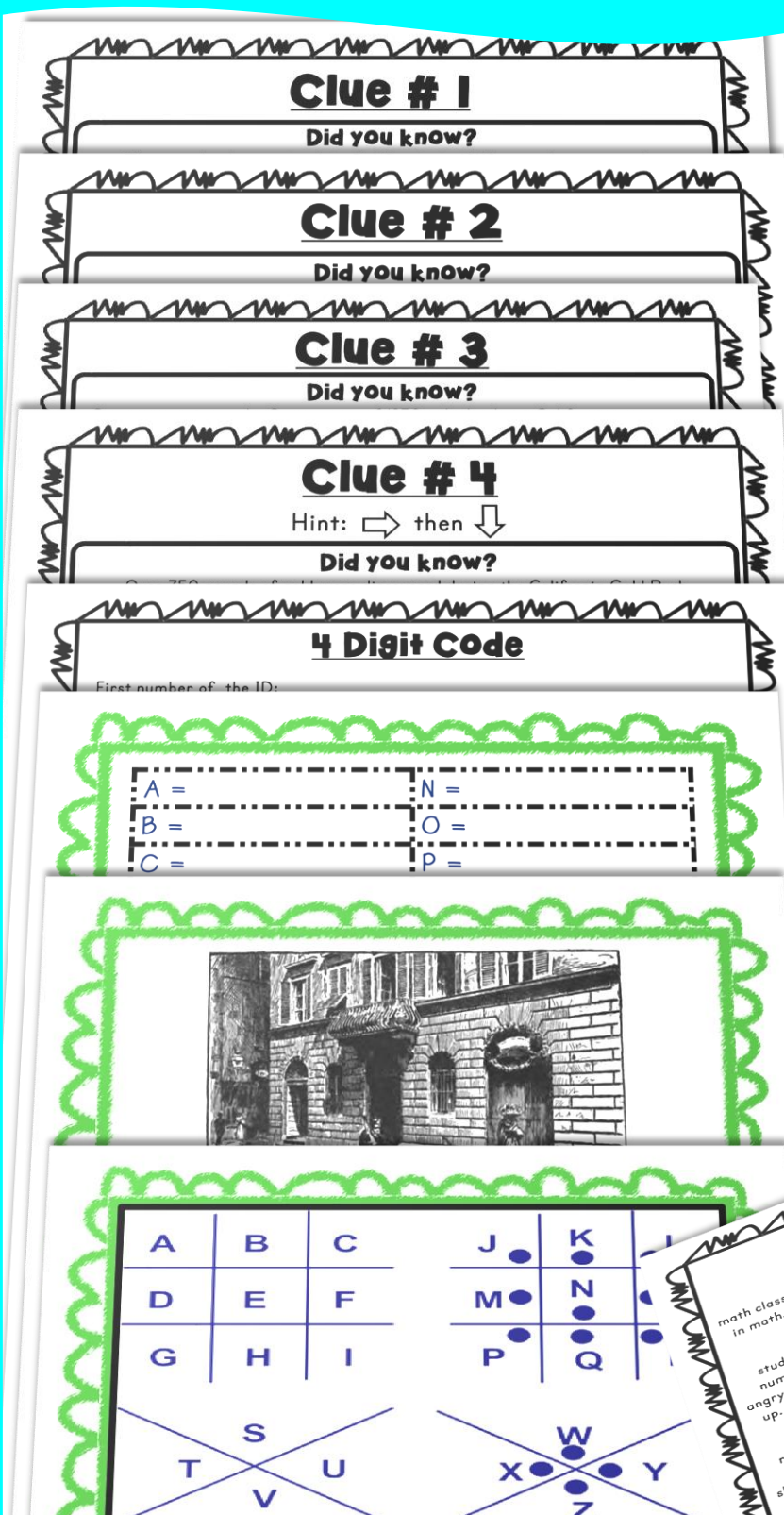
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# 4 PASSAGES

## Clue # 1

### Did you know?

Amerigo Vespucci was the first to recognize the Americas as distinct continents.

- Amerigo Vespucci was born in Florence, Italy in 1454. Amerigo's parents were friends with the powerful Medici family who ruled Italy from the 1400s to 1737. As a child, Amerigo became fluent in several languages. He was taught astronomy, cartography, and navigation techniques by his uncle, Giorgio Antonio.
- In 1492, Amerigo moved to Spain and worked as a banking clerk for the Medicis. He became friends with a man named Giannetto Berardi. Berardi took Vespucci to see ships being prepared for exploration. Berardi was an investor in Columbus' journey. He helped get Columbus ships, supplies and food for the journey. It is believed that Vespucci had the supplies for the journey.

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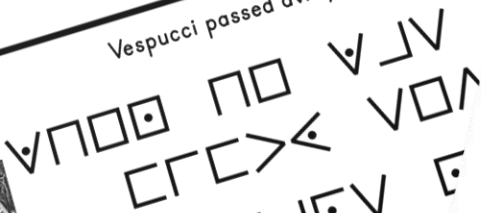
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## Clue # 2

### Did you know?

Amerigo did very little exploring in North America.

- Some of the voyages, which Amerigo Vespucci is thought to have made, are controversial. Some people believe the letters documenting his journeys are either exaggerated or not real.
- Others believe the letters are either exaggerated or not real.
- During his first disputed voyage, it took weeks for Vespucci's fleet to reach South America. Some historians believe Vespucci discovered Venezuela before Christopher Columbus due to a letter that is dated 1497. Vespucci wrote two letters documenting new discoveries, native people, new animals and new constellations.

## Clue # 4

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### Did you know?

Amerigo was sent on a diplomatic mission to Paris.

- In 1508, Vespucci was honored by King Ferdinand II of Aragon for his discoveries.
- Martin Waldseemüller, a German cartographer proposed the name America to honor Vespucci's discoveries. He created a world map where he named the new continent "America" in honor of Vespucci's name in Latin.
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- For the remainder of his life, Vespucci was in charge of training Spanish pilots. He was also in charge of making maps for the king and queen. In 1512, Amerigo Vespucci died of malaria in Seville, Spain.
- A letter known as "Lettera al Soderini," was published claiming Vespucci made four voyages to the Americas between 1497 and 1504. It is important to mention that although we say Amerigo made many new discoveries, native peoples were already living in the areas when he arrived.

Who honored Vespucci for his discoveries in 1508?

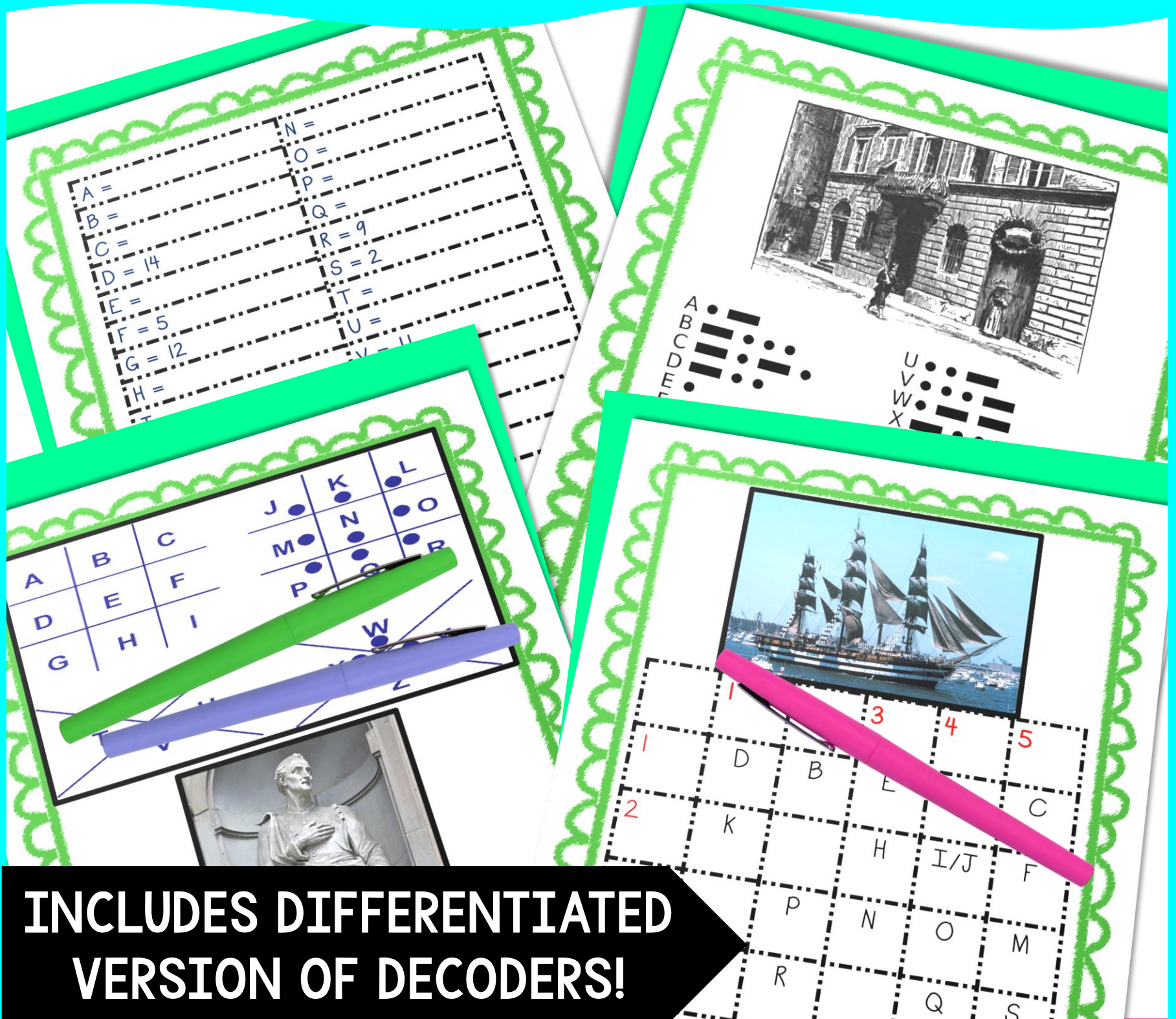
- A. Queen Aragon
- B. Soderini
- C. Martin Waldseemüller
- D. King Ferdinand II

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