

# WORDS TO KNOW

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**FLUENT**

**CARTOGRAPHY**

**MERCHANT**

**FLEET**

**EXPEDITION**

**FUNDED**





**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.**



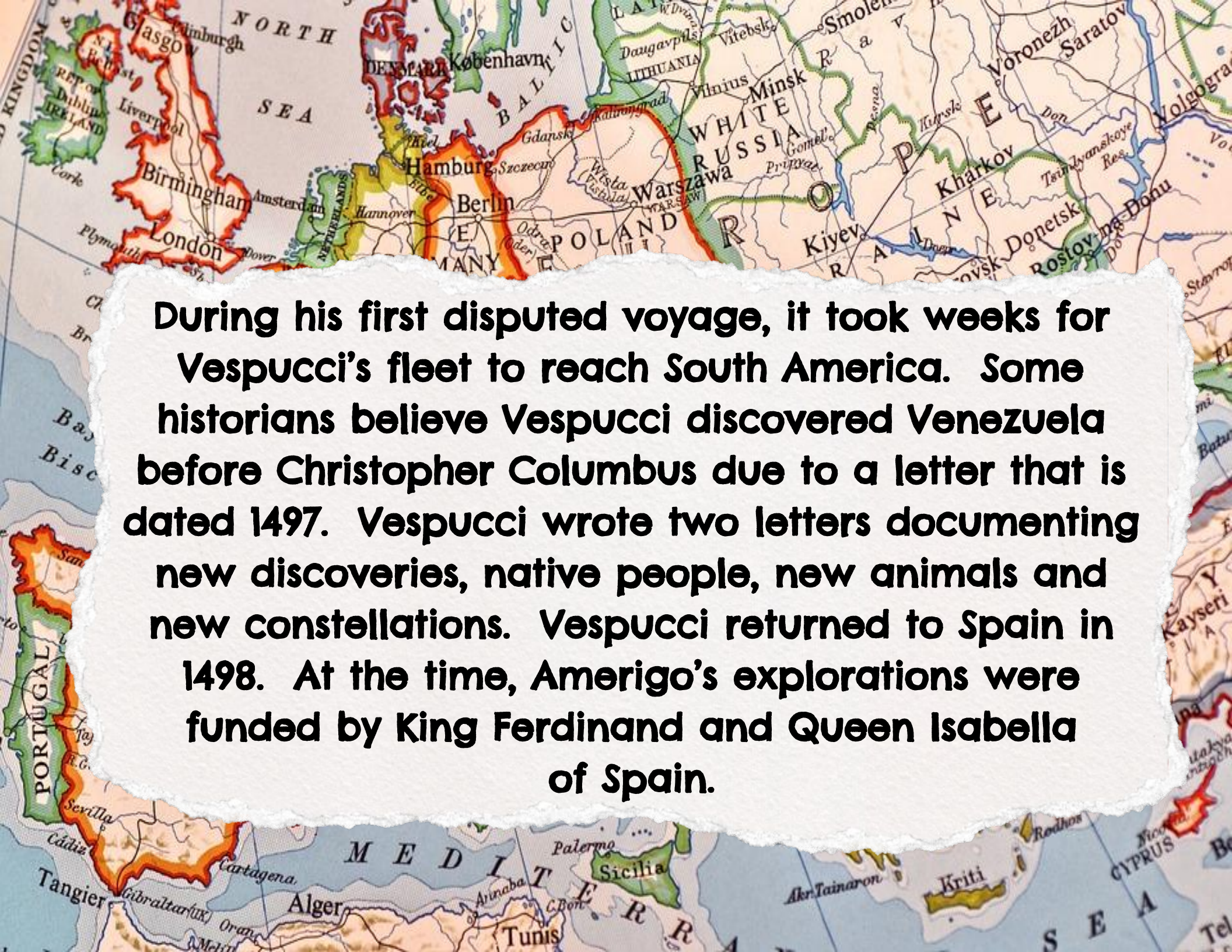


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several languages.**

**TRUE**

**FALSE**





**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. Vespucci returned to Spain in 1498. At the time, Amerigo's explorations were funded by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain.**



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**A. South America**

**B. China**

**C. New Zealand**



DANTHES  
Aligerius  
Florentinus  
Poëta, Anno  
Sal. M. CCC.  
descripsit  
III. stellas  
Antarcticas  
cap. pr.° purg.



*His verbis  
ab Americo  
Vespuccio  
in suis  
Epis tolis  
adductis.*



**Vespucci noticed that the stars were different from the constellations he was used to viewing in Europe. Vespucci named a few constellations on a voyage back.**

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**TRUE**

**FALSE**