

Giovanni Da Verrazzano

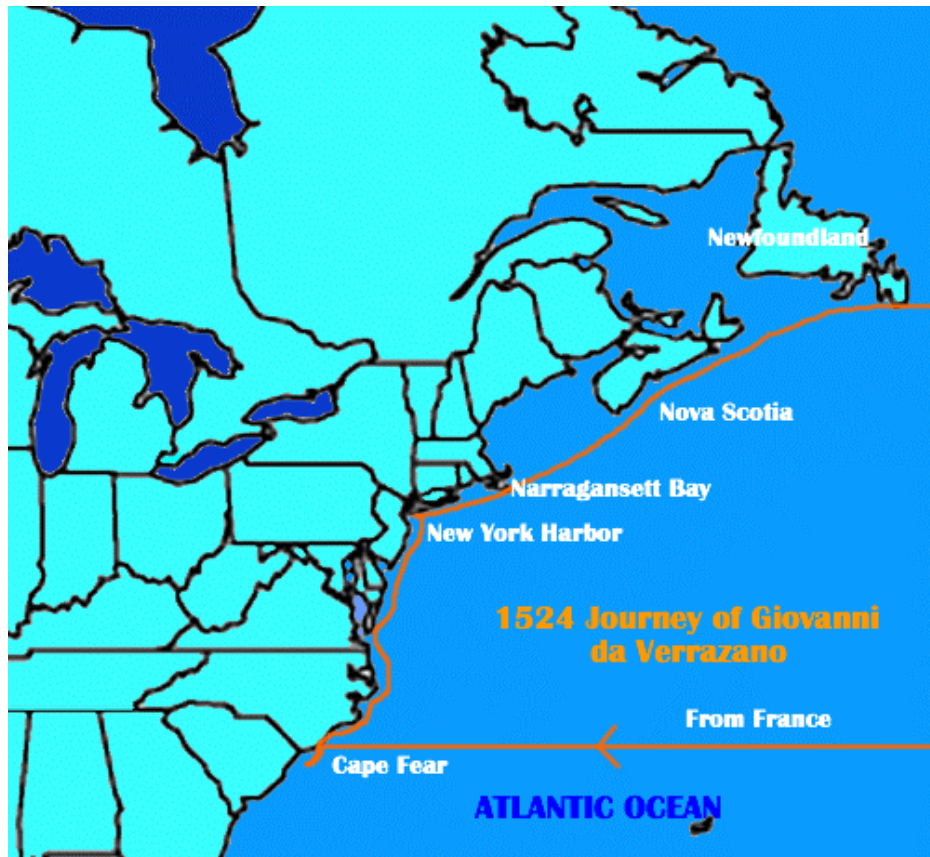
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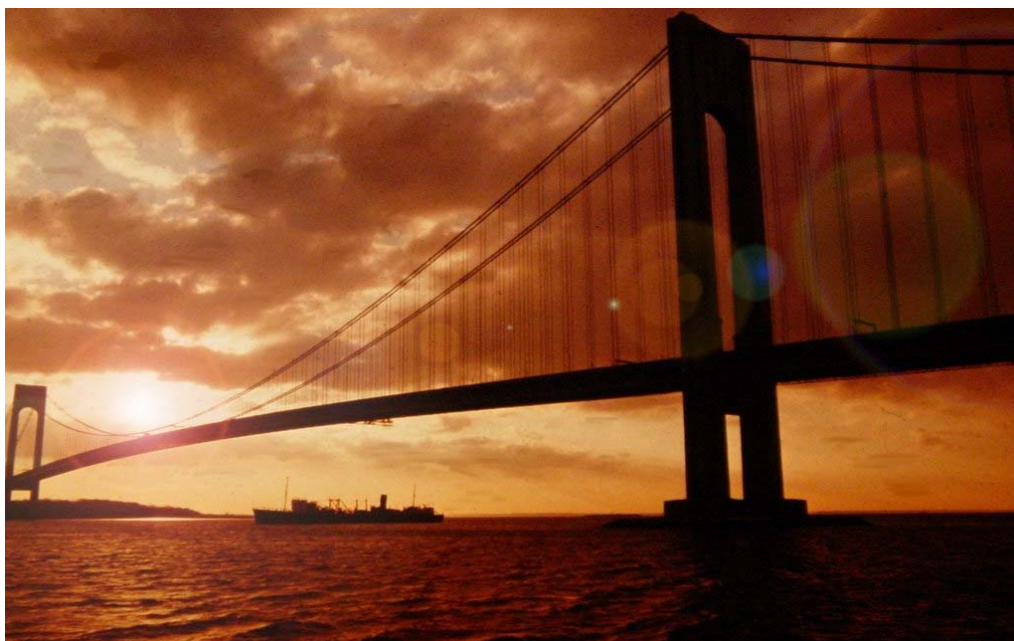
Giovanni Da Verrazzano was born in Val Di Greve, Italy in 1485. He grew up in Florence where he received an excellent education in a rich family and he is intended very quickly to a maritime career. Later, he moved to Dieppe in France and he entered the French maritime service in the hope to pursue his dream of navigation, it was the start of a promising future.



In 1523, Giovanni, chosen by Francis 1 of France, organized the first trip to explore the east-coast of North America in order to discover a passage to access the Pacifique-Ocean. He crossed the Atlantique on the little caravel « The Dauphine » with about 50 men and discovered the New-York Bay on May 1524. Today, we can see the famous Verrazzano bridge wich remember his passage.



In his second and last trip, Giovanni, with the same aim that the first, decided to explore the south of the north-east-coast. He left France in 1528 but he was made captive by natives of the island of Guadaloupe where he was killed and eaten on a beach, in front of his crew.



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