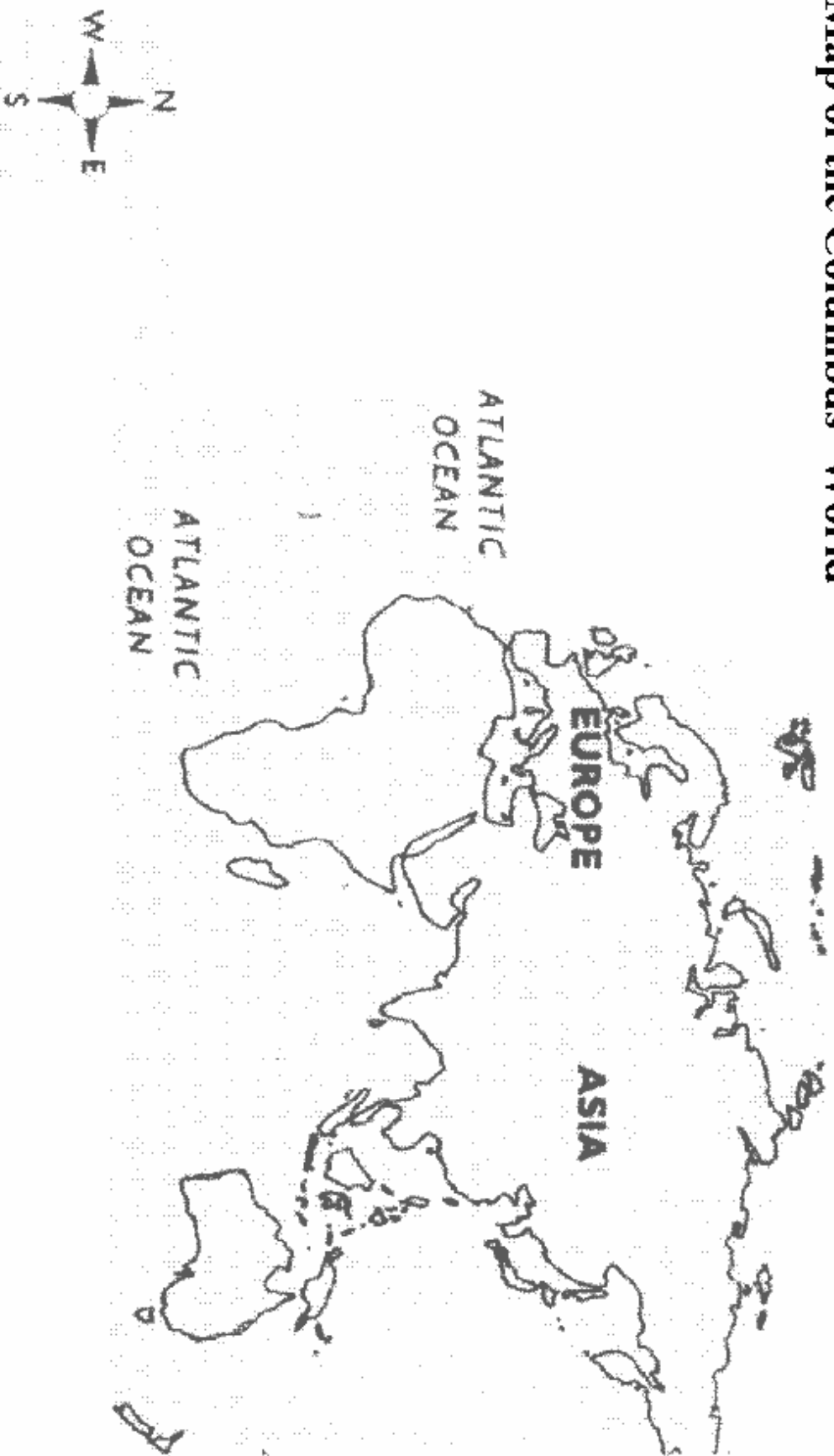


Map of the Columbus' World



Christopher Columbus lived in Italy (part of Europe).

He wanted to get to the Indies (part of Asia) the fastest way possible – the Indies is where Europeans got gold and many spices.

People in Columbus' time thought the world was flat and worried they would fall off the edge if they sailed west.

Columbus thought the world was round and hoped that sailing west would be a quick route to the Indies.

The King and Queen of Spain (another country in Europe) decided to support Columbus with boats and supplies.