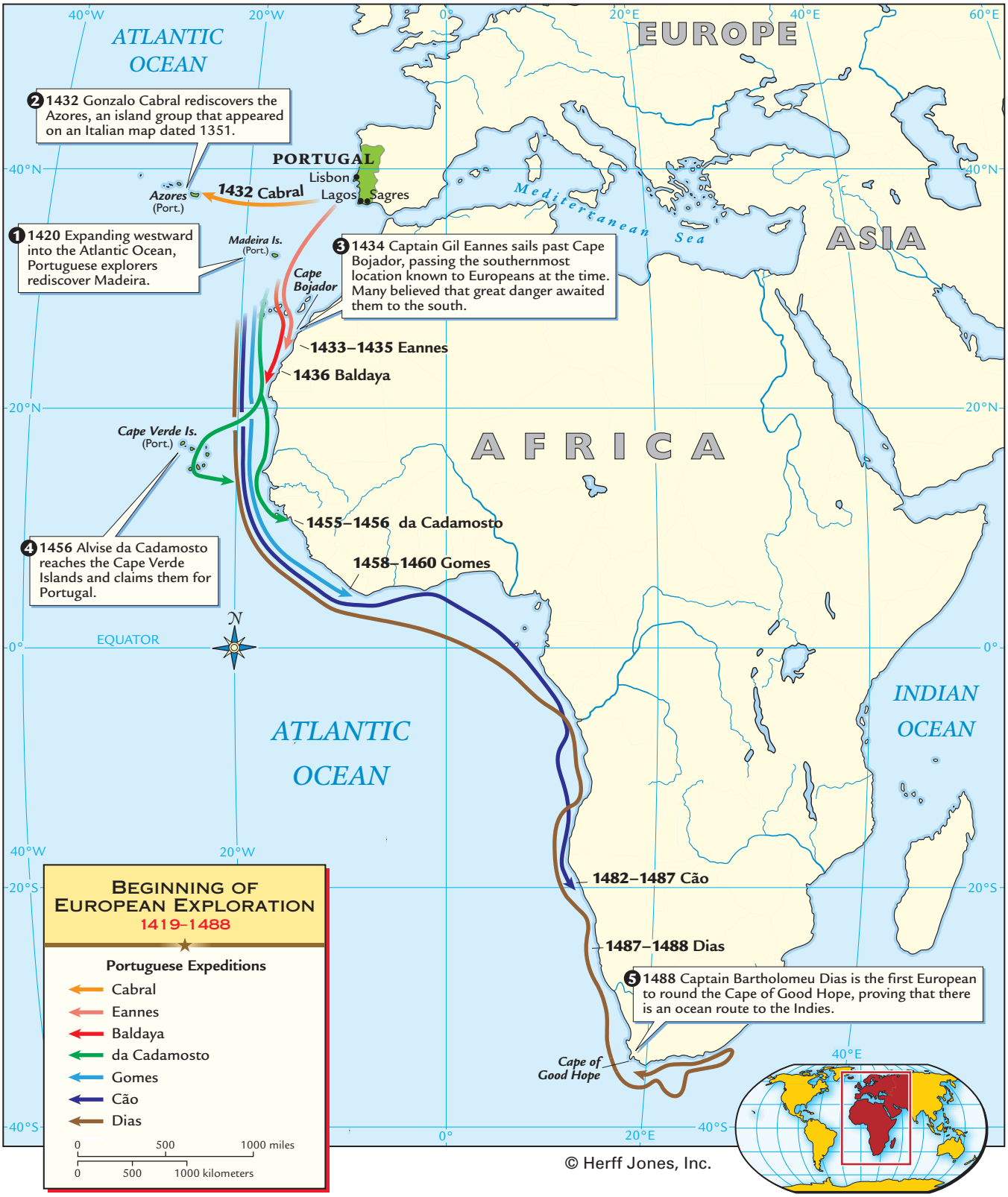
ATLANTIC OCEAN
EUROPE
ASIA
AFRICA
INDIAN OCEAN
Mediterranean Sea
PORTUGAL
Lisbon
Lagos
Sagres
Azores (Port.)
Madeira Is. (Port.)
Cape Bojador
Cape Verde Is. (Port.)
Cape of Good Hope
EQUATOR
40°W
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20°E
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60°E
40°N
20°N
20°S
40°S
1 1420 Expanding westward into the Atlantic Ocean, Portuguese explorers rediscover Madeira.
2 1432 Gonzalo Cabral rediscovers the Azores, an island group that appeared on an Italian map dated 1351.
1432 Cabral
3 1434 Captain Gil Eannes sails past Cape Bojador, passing the southernmost location known to Europeans at the time. Many believed that great danger awaited them to the south.
1433–1435 Eannes
1436 Baldaya
4 1456 Alvise da Cadamosto reaches the Cape Verde Islands and claims them for Portugal.
1455–1456 da Cadamosto
1458–1460 Gomes
1482–1487 Cão
1487–1488 Dias
5 1488 Captain Bartholomeu Dias is the first European to round the Cape of Good Hope, proving that there is an ocean route to the Indies.
BEGINNING OF EUROPEAN EXPLORATION
1419–1488
Portuguese Expeditions
Cabral
Eannes
Baldaya
da Cadamosto
Gomes
Cão
Dias
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