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This book is dedicated to the girls and boys in my classes,
whose interest in their country's history guided the research
for writing QUEST OF A HEMISPHERE.

Preface

QUEST OF A HEMISPHERE is a factual American history written from documents, manuscripts, journals, diaries, letters, newspapers, and rare books in the Library of Congress, National Archives, Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, Pan American Union, and private collections of Americana.

Although QUEST OF A HEMISPHERE is basically a history of the United States, the title indicates that events in neighboring countries, vitally affecting the way of life in this nation, are interwoven chronologically into the text. By recording the varied political, social, and economic history of both Americas, the point of view becomes hemispherical.

Illustrations feature the art of historical periods – reproductions of sketches and paintings, portraits of famous men by artists of their time, and copies of documents in the original style of printing. Legends are vital history, serving to supplement the text.

In narrative style, each chapter renders a factual account of the struggle, achievement, and vision of the peoples who forged new nations in the Western Hemisphere. Who were they? Why did they come? Where did they go? What did they do? What destiny were they seeking? That is the story in this book.

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PART ONE

The Old World

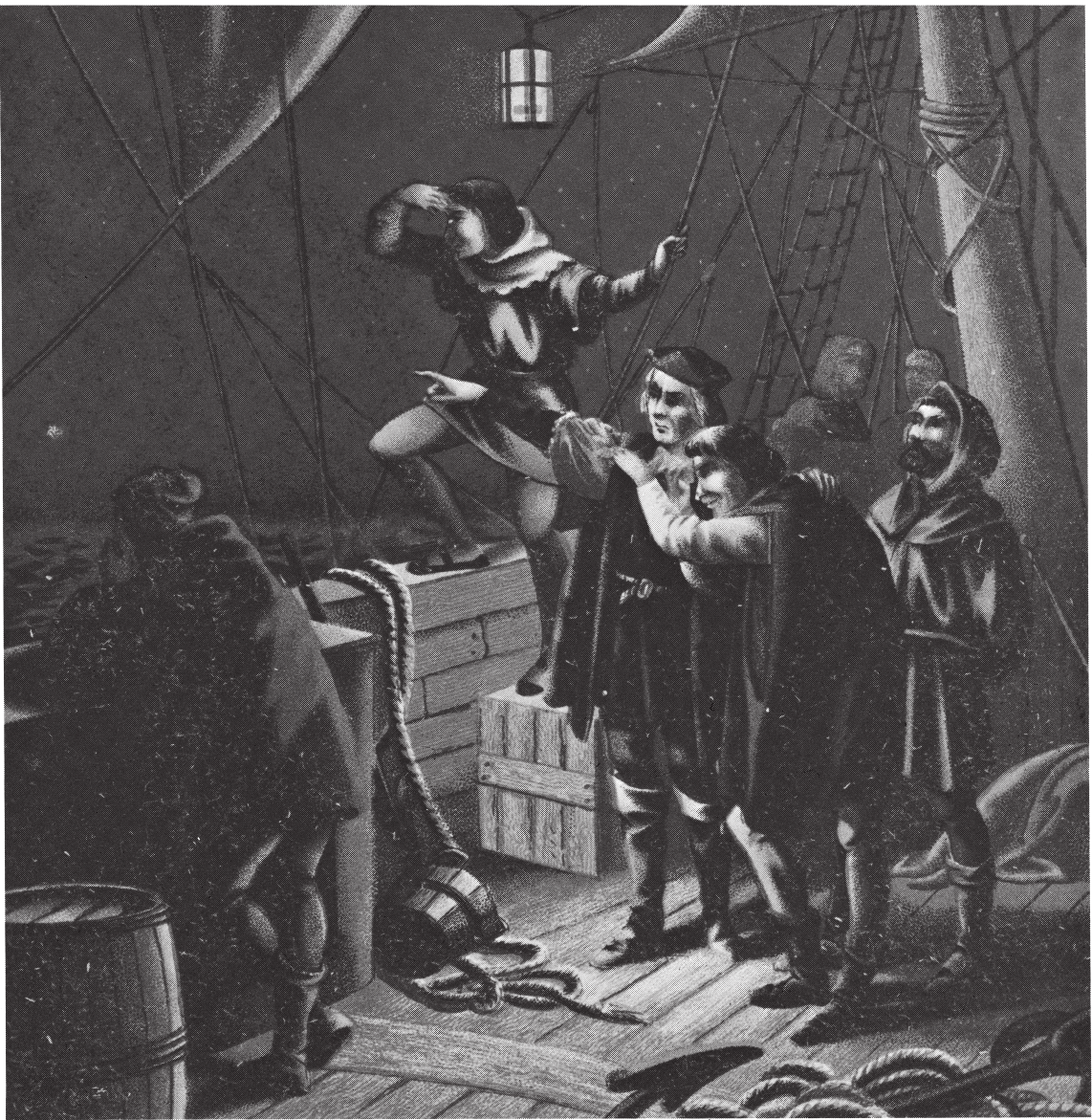
Finds the Western Hemisphere

Chapter 1: Spanish Civilization Invades the Americas

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COLUMBUS SEES A LIGHT, INDICATING THAT LAND WAS NEAR.

Copied from "The Journal of the First Voyage of Columbus." October 11, 1492:

... the Admiral at ten o'clock at night being in the stern forecastle saw a light, but it was so concealed that he would not declare it to be land. But he called Pedro Gutierrez, the Groom of the Chamber of the King, and said to him that it appeared to be a light, and asked him to look at it, and he did so and saw it. He also told Rodrigo Sanchez de Segovia, whom the King and Queen sent with the fleet as Inspector After the Admiral told it, it was seen once or twice, and it was like a small wax candle which rose and fell, which hardly appeared to be an indication of land. But the Admiral was certain they were near land.

Although a sailor on the Pinta first saw land two hours after midnight, Columbus received the award of 10,000 maravedis (small gold coins) offered by the King and Queen of Spain to the man who first saw land. Columbus had seen the light two hours before midnight, and received the award each year of his lifetime.