

## Section Two: Primary Source Analysis

### My close reading of the source:

Things students should notice: old/falling apart, colorful, broken up into sections (kind of like quadrants), symbols, one large mass of land, earth is round, not represented as a sphere but as flat, water is represented as green, blue is the sky, indigenous people/tribes represented on the map, obviously not representative of the whole world as we know it now.

### My questions about the map:

When was this map made?

Why is the ocean green? Is it because the sky had to be blue?

Is there a difference between tribes or does the map just show Native Americans in general?

What continents are shown?

Did they mean for the world to be a sphere or a flat surface?

What does the red line in the middle represent?

Did Columbus use this map on his exploration to find a western sea route to Asia?

Who made this map?

What information was used to make this map?

Where did that information come from?

Why was it made?

Who was this map meant for?

How might explorers use this map to aid them on their journeys?

What if the information available at that time was wrong?

### Student work:

Distribute a copy of the Bianco world map and put in on the Promethean Board. Student will work in groups to make notes discuss what they notice about the map and ask any questions they might have about it and share with the rest of the class.

1. Origin of the map:

[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/01/images/060118\\_chinese\\_map.jpg](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/01/images/060118_chinese_map.jpg)

2. Andrea Bianco created this atlas in 1436 using ten leaves of vellum. Bianco oriented the map with the east on the top.

Andrea Bianco: an Italian sailor and cartographer in the 15 century. He collaborated with Fra-Mauro on another world map between 1457 and 1459.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrea\\_Bianco](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrea_Bianco)

<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/9/99/Biancomap.jpg>

After analyzing this map, as well as several others (listed below), students will be asked to compare them to each other and discuss where Columbus landed versus where he meant to land.

Here are some of the other sources that I will be using:

Other Maps:

- <http://pics.livejournal.com/jucundushomo/pic/0000638c>
- [http://qed.princeton.edu/images/thumb/7/79/Waldseemüller\\_map.jpg/800px-Waldseemüller\\_map.jpg](http://qed.princeton.edu/images/thumb/7/79/Waldseemüller_map.jpg/800px-Waldseemüller_map.jpg)
- <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b5/PietroCoppo.jpg>

Closing cartoon:

- <http://www.cartoonstock.com/lowres/pto00311.jpg>

**Discussion questions:**

Write three sections on the Promethean Board: Notice/Questions/Background

What do you notice about the map?

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Why would a person make this map?

Why would it be helpful?

Who would use this map?

What do you notice about the way the continents look?

When do you think this was made?

When comparing these maps, how do they differ?

How are they the same?

How was Columbus able to make such a big mistake?