

Bookfolio for **Magellan: First Around the World**

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Nonfiction

Genre: [Biography](#)

Story Summary: When he arrived in Lisbon to become one of the king's attendants, thirteen-year-old Ferdinand Magellan had his first glimpse of the vast ocean that lay beyond the palace garden. He was thrilled by the great discoveries of brave sailors like Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama, and Amerigo Vespucci. Years later, Magellan was finally able to pursue his dream of sailing around the world. The king of Spain funded Magellan's quest to find a passage through the Americas to India. In 1519, Magellan led two hundred sixty-seven men in five boats on the long and treacherous voyage. Brave and determined, Magellan eventually crossed the vast "Mar Pacifico." Although Magellan was killed on a Pacific island, eighteen of his crew returned to Spain in 1522 to proclaim their leader's great feat.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Pages 23-35.

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

Magellan: First Around the World - Independent Activities	Skills
1. A Brief Biography (Writing a summary)	R , W
2. A Eulogy (Identifying character traits)	S , W
3. Treasures from India (Making a map)	D , R
4. All Aboard, Mates (Drawing a picture)	D , R
5. A Great Shortcut (Making a map)	D , R , W
6. Around the World (Recalling a topic)	R , S
Magellan: First Around the World - Group Activities	Skills
1. Ferdinand Meets Christopher (Comparing two explorers)	S
2. The Ship's Log (Making a ship's log)	S , W
3. More About Magellan's Heroes (Researching a topic)	R , S
4. Preparing For the Voyage (Making a pictorial plan)	D
5. Maps (Making a map)	D , S
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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