Seville and the First Circumnavigation of the Globe

In the sixteenth century, Seville became a universal city allowing merchants to improve their own cities with the wealth from the New World. Known as the "City of the Heart," Seville was a maritime hub and its new found wealth was a result of the discovery of the New World.

Seville was the true centre of western trade, where the two continents came together and the river, the Guadalquivir, was the main trade route for ships carrying goods from the East.

The increase in goods from the New World and the growth of Seville as a city made it a centre of trade and commerce, and the result of which was to be the greatest maritime achievements of the time. The first circumnavigation of the globe.