Ptolemy’s World Map 1467 (pp 152-153)

Note no passage around Africa - No America - short direct passage to Asia
Fra Mauro - last of the great Medieval Maps (p 154)

Perhaps the result of the penance of Nicolo de’ Conti? (p 155)
“The Portuguese people naturally faced outward, away from the classic centers of European civilization, westward toward the unfathomed ocean, and southward toward a continent that for Europeans was also unfathomed.” (p 157)
Embarrassed by King John, he “stayed clear” of the court and moved to Promentorium Sacrum (“Sacred Promontory”) - Sagres
Cape Bajador - The Cape of Fear (pp 165-167)
Four generations carried on the exploration!
Under Alfonso Africa was further probed. Under John II India was reached. Under Manuel exploitation was refined and Portugal was a world power.

10 year hiatus due to “cold war” with Spain after India passage discovered!
Bartholomeu Dias (pp 172-174)
Vasco da Gama (pp 175-178)