

ABSTRACT

For this master thesis I did in-depth research into the life of Ferdinand Magellan and in which way his accomplishments contribute to history. The investigation has led me to conclude that Magellan was not irreplaceable on this journey in 1518 and the discovery of the strait that is named after him. The underlying political influence and commercial gain were the decisive factors. It would only have been a matter of time before another explorer would make the same journey and the same discoveries. Despite all this, the perseverance of Magellan still led to one of the grandest voyages of discovery in history.