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1401-1464

German scholar and humanist who created the first modern map of Germany in 1491. Also known as Nicholas of Cusa and Nicholas Cusanus, Krebs entered the priesthood in 1433 and rose to the position of cardinal in 1448. He wrote and studied widely in a variety of disciplines, including geography, medicine, mathematics, the arts, philosophy, law, and theology. In addition, Krebs wrote commentaries on classical writers, and helped to resurrect a number of writings from antiquity.