

Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. He was the oldest of five children in his family. His father was a wool weaver. He helped his father with the weaving, but he always wanted to sail the seas.

He didn't get to go to school very much, but he learned to read and write Spanish during his travels. He also taught himself Latin because all the geography books were written in Latin.

Some people thought he was trying to prove the world was round, but this is not true. Most people already knew the earth was round. He wanted to find a short way to get to the Indies by ship.

He was a Christian and wanted to tell the story of Christ to the people he would find in the far-away lands. He also wanted wealth for himself and for Spain, and he wanted to be famous.

He tried for eight years to get King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to supply him with ships and money. Finally they agreed, but he made *more* demands.

He wanted to be made a knight, admiral of the Ocean Sea. He wanted to be the viceroy and governor general of all lands he would discover. Also he wanted one-tenth of everything he found of value in the new lands.

They finally agreed and he got three ships ready to sail; the *Santa Maria* and two smaller ships, the *Pinta* and the *Nina*. He took enough food for a year. In four months he was ready to sail.

Columbus not only discovered a New World, but he led the way for other explorers. They left Spain on August 3, 1492. They made one stop, then sailed on toward the west. After many days, the sailors were ready to turn around and start back home.

"Just three more days," he said. "Then if we don't see land, we'll turn around and go back home."

Two days later they saw land; an island Columbus named San Salvador. He thought he had found the Indies and called the people he saw there "Indians".

Then he returned to Spain on the *Nina*. The *Pinta* also returned. The people of Spain welcomed him as a hero.

He made three more voyages across the ocean. His 13-year-old son, Ferdinand went with him on the fourth voyage.

Columbus did not become rich as he had hoped. At the end of his life he only had a pension the king and queen had given him because he was the first to reach the New World. He spent the last few months of his life in bed because of the pain of arthritis.

- 1. Name four (4) reasons why Columbus wanted to make a sea voyage?**
- 2. What were the names of his ships?**
- 3. What did he name the first island where they landed, and what did he call the inhabitants?**
- 4. How many voyages did Columbus make in all, and who accompanied him on his last voyage?**

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Christopher Columbus (1451-1506) was an Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, hoping to find a route to India (in order to trade for spices). He made a total of four trips to the Caribbean and South America during the years 1492-1504.

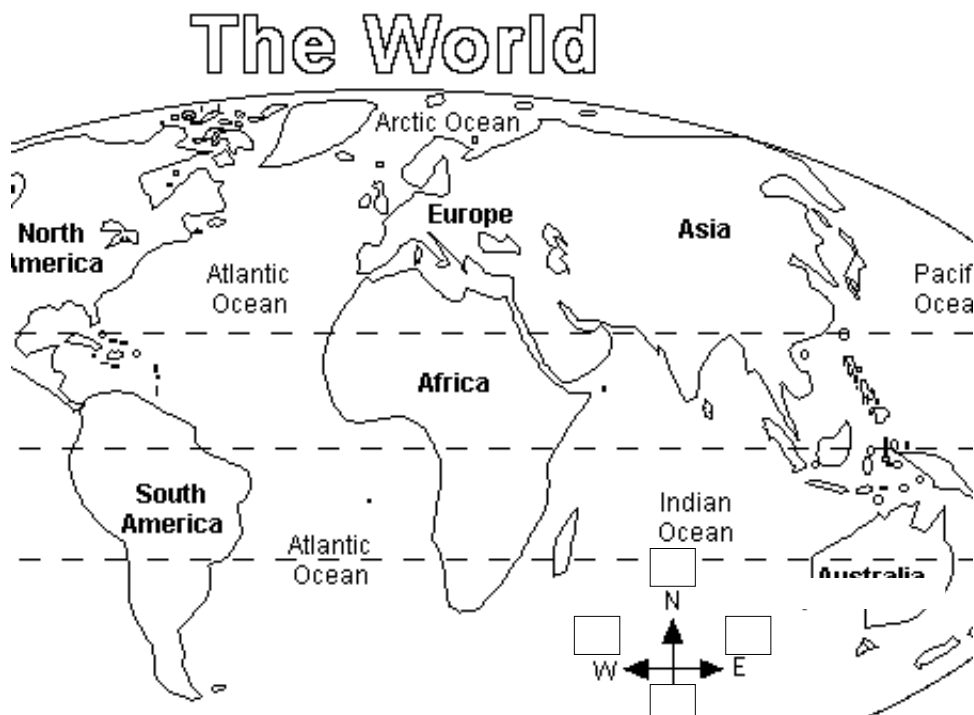
Answer each question using one of the following words:

explorer- voyage- compass- ocean- Columbus- Europe- island- Santa María

1. This is a very large body of water:
2. Columbus sailed from these continent:
3. In 1492, he landed in the Americas:
4. Land surrounded by water:
5. A device used to determine direction:
6. Another word for trip:
7. Ships: the Niño, Pinta and the:
8. A person who look for new places:

Fill the map about the Columbus' trip

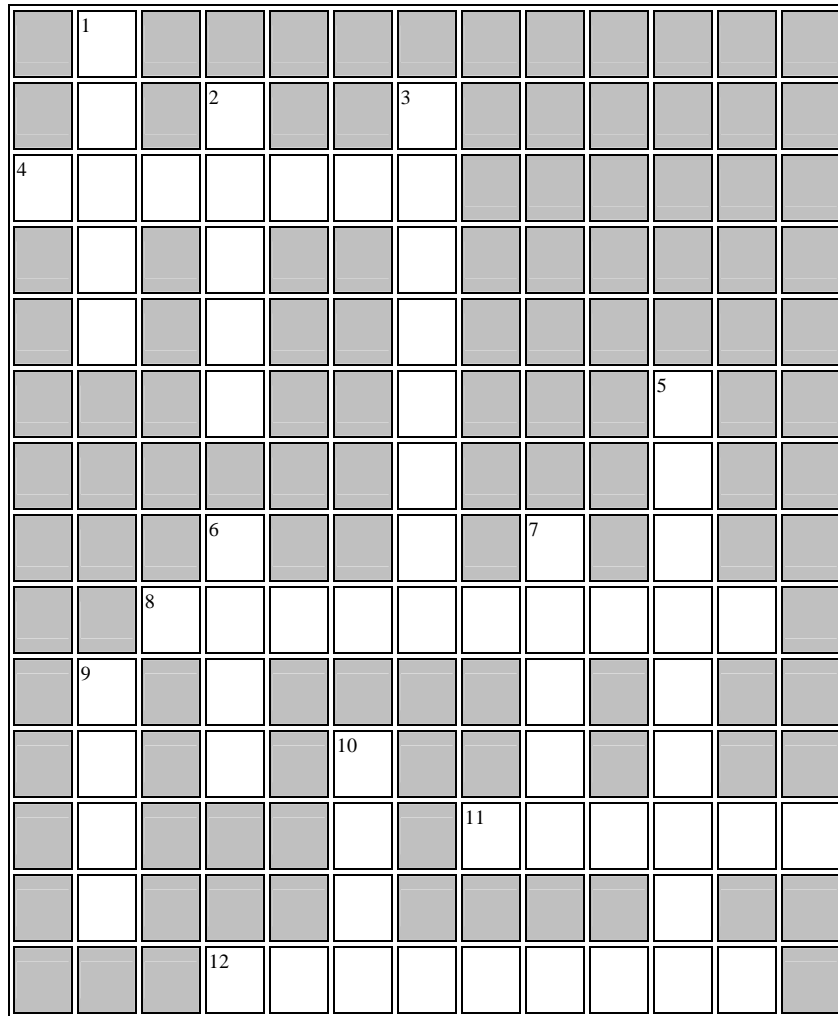
1. Fill in north (N), south (S), east (E), and west (W) on the compass rose.
2. From what European city and country did Columbus begin his famous trip in 1492?
3. In what European city and country did Columbus land at the end of his famous trip?
4. Name two islands in the Caribbean that Columbus visited on his 1492 trip
5. Color Portugal yellow
6. Color Spain orange
7. Color Italy purple
8. Color Cuba and the smaller island of Hispaniola red (Hispaniola is just east of Cuba, and is now divided into Haiti and the Dominican Republic).
9. Color South America pink.
10. Color Africa green.



Christopher Columbus Test

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| <p>1. Christopher Columbus was born in ...</p> <p>A. Barcelona, Spain B. Paris, France C. Genoa, Italy D. London, England</p> | <p>2. When he was young he helped his father ...</p> <p>A. weave wool B. plow the field C. install phones D. repair ships</p> |
| <p>3. As a child his ambition was to ...</p> <p>A. raise sheep B. become a lawyer C. become a soldier D. sail the seas</p> | <p>4. The aim of Columbus was to ...</p> <p>A. prove the world was round B. fall off the edge of the earth C. find a short way to the Indies D. go to Brazil</p> |
| <p>5. As a _____ he wanted to convert others.</p> <p>A. Muslim B. Christian C. Buddhist D. Jew</p> | <p>6. He obtained funding for his voyage from the king and queen of ...</p> <p>A. Portugal B. England C. Spain D. America</p> |
| <p>7. The queen was ...</p> <p>A. Hatshepsut B. Elizabeth C. Victoria D. Isabella</p> | <p>8. Some titles Columbus desired were ...</p> <p>A. knight, admiral, and viceroy B. admiral, king, and priest C. viceroy, president, and great explorer D. governor, tax collector, and king</p> |
| <p>9. Columbus made the voyage in _____ ships.</p> <p>A. two B. four C. three D. five</p> | <p>10. The largest of his ships was the ...</p> <p>A. Pinta B. Nina C. Britannia D. Santa Maria</p> |
| <p>11. Columbus landed on the island of ...</p> <p>A. San Salvador B. Cuba C. Fiji D. Bermuda</p> | <p>12. He called the people on the island ...</p> <p>A. Natives B. Aborigines C. Indians D. First People</p> |
| <p>19. Columbus made _____ voyages to the new world.</p> <p>A. four B. three C. five D. two</p> | <p>20. At the end of his life Columbus had</p> <p>A. fame and fortune B. great riches C. only a pension D. nothing left</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. the name Columbus gave the natives 8. his largest ship 11. his destination when he started his voyage 12. King of Spain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. city where he was born 2. number of years he pleaded for financing 3. Queen of Spain 5. the religion of Columbus 6. He wanted this for himself. 7. language he learned from geography books 9. the island he mistook for China 10. the number of voyages he made |
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WORD BANK: GENOA, LATIN, INDIES, CHRISTIAN, FAME, EIGHT, ISABELLA, FERDINAND, SANTA MARIA, INDIANS, FOUR, CUBA

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ADMIRAL
 COLUMBUS
 GENERAL
 KING
 ROUND
 SPANISH

CHRISTIAN
 DISCOVER
 GOVERNOR
 KNIGHT
 SAILORS
 WEALTH

CHRISTOPHER
 FAMOUS
 INDIES
 QUEEN
 SHIPS
 WORLD

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CLASS

- 1.- Leer y escuchar online el cómic sobre Colón y el quiz en <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/famouspeople/standard/columbus/learn/index.shtml#focus>
- 2.- Los alumnos leen alguna biografía sobre Colón en inglés.
- 3.- Ver presentación sobre Colón en inglés.
- 4.- Hacer el Christopher Columbus test
- 5.- Hacer las otras actividades de completar el mapa.
- 6.- Mandar para casa el crucigrama y la sopa de letras sobre Colón.
7. Ver el video de Colón de 3' de National Geographic Kids
<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/kids/history-kids/christopher-columbus-kids.html>