

Columbus Day

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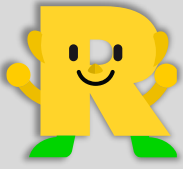
In the 15th century, a man named Christopher Columbus had a big dream: he wanted to find a new way to get to Asia by sailing west. Most people at that time believed the Earth was flat, but Columbus was convinced it was round. Spain's Queen Isabel and King Fernando supported his dream with money.

On August 3, 1492, Columbus and his crew set off from Spain on three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María. They sailed for many weeks and were quite scared. Then, on October 12, 1492, they saw land. Columbus thought it was Asia, but he actually arrived at an unknown continent to them: America.

This journey marked the beginning of a time when people explored and discovered new places, changing the world. Even though Columbus didn't find Asia, his voyage led to the meeting of different cultures and people in America.

Today, on October 12, we celebrate Columbus Day to remember this important event. It's a day to learn about the different cultures and people who came together in America because of explorers like Columbus.





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- Choose the correct answer:

1. Who is the main person of this text?

- a) Queen Isabel
- b) King Fernando
- c) Christopher Columbus
- d) Marco Polo

2. What was Christopher Columbus's dream?

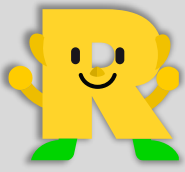
- a) To become a famous artist
- b) To find a new way to Asia
- c) To be a great explorer of Africa
- d) To become a king

3. What did most people in the 15th century believe about the shape of the Earth?

- a) It was flat
- b) It was square
- c) It was round
- d) It was triangular

4. Who supported Columbus's dream with money?

- a) The Pope
- b) Queen Elizabeth
- c) Queen Isabel and King Fernando
- d) Marco Polo



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5. Name the three ships Columbus and his crew sailed on.

- a) The Santa Claus, The Elf, The Reindeer
- b) The Eagle, The Falcon, The Hawk
- c) The Dove, The Swallow, The Sparrow
- d) The Niña, The Pinta, The Santa María

6. How did Columbus and his crew feel during their long voyage across the ocean?

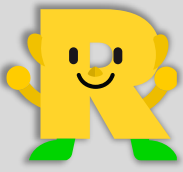
- a) Excited and confident
- b) Calm and relaxed
- c) Nervous and scared
- d) Bored and sleepy

7. What did Columbus think he had reached when they saw land on October 12, 1492?

- a) Asia
- b) Africa
- c) Europe
- d) America

8. Where did Columbus actually arrive, and why was it a surprise?

- a) India, because he expected to find it
- b) Asia, because it looked different
- c) America, because he thought it was Asia
- d) Europe, because he was lost



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9. What did Columbus's journey mark the beginning of?

- a) The end of exploration
- b) A time of discoveries and exploration
- c) A period of war
- d) A time of isolation

10. Even though Columbus didn't find Asia, what did his voyage lead to?

- a) The discovery of the North Pole
- b) The meeting of different cultures and people in America
- c) The invention of the airplane
- d) The colonization of Mars

11. What do we celebrate on October 12th and why is it important?

- a) Valentine's Day, to show love to friends and family
- b) Christmas, to celebrate the birth of Jesus
- c) Columbus Day, to remember Columbus's important journey
- d) Halloween, for costumes and candy

12. What is Columbus Day a day to learn about?

- a) Ancient civilizations
- b) Different cultures and people who came together in America
- c) The history of space exploration
- d) The history of famous artists

