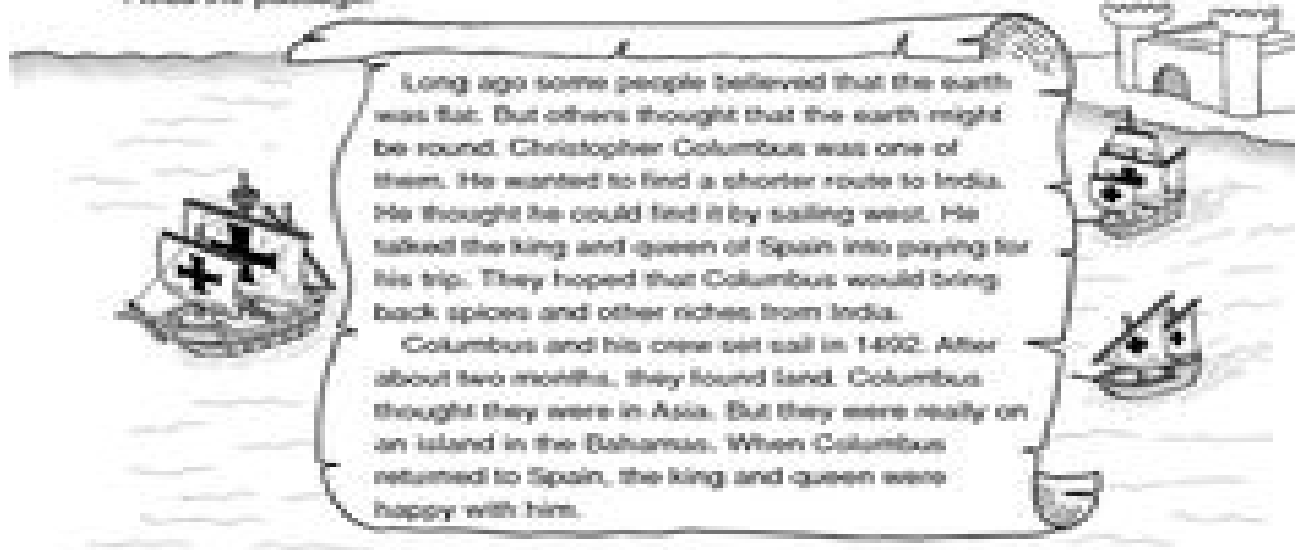


Name _____

Columbus Day
Reading comprehension

Remembering Columbus

Read the passage.



Long ago some people believed that the earth was flat. But others thought that the earth might be round. Christopher Columbus was one of them. He wanted to find a shorter route to India. He thought he could find it by sailing west. He talked the king and queen of Spain into paying for his trip. They hoped that Columbus would bring back spices and other riches from India.

Columbus and his crew set sail in 1492. After about two months, they found land. Columbus thought they were in Asia. But they were really on an island in the Bahamas. When Columbus returned to Spain, the king and queen were happy with him.

Answer the questions.

1. What did people think about the shape of the earth? _____

2. What was Christopher Columbus's goal? _____

3. How did he plan to reach this goal? _____

4. What did the king and queen want Columbus to do? _____

5. Do you think Columbus's voyage was important? _____ Why? _____

