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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DAY

Christopher Columbus Day is a holiday that remembers the voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492. Columbus was an Italian explorer who sailed for Spain. He hoped to find a new sea route to Asia.

Columbus traveled with three ships called the **Niña**, the **Pinta**, and the **Santa María**. After many weeks at sea, the ships reached islands in the Caribbean. Columbus believed he had arrived in Asia, but he had actually reached lands that were new to Europeans.

Today, Christopher Columbus Day is celebrated in some places with parades, lessons, and community events. At the same time, many people also learn about the Native peoples who were already living in the Americas long before Columbus arrived. Some communities observe Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor their history and cultures.

Learning about Columbus Day helps students understand an important part of history while also recognizing different viewpoints about the past.

Reading Comprehension. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Christopher Columbus sail across the ocean?

- A. To visit Africa
- B. To find a new route to Asia
- C. To look for gold only
- D. To move to America

2. How many ships traveled with Columbus?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

3. What were the names of Columbus's ships?

- A. Mayflower, Endeavour, Discovery
- B. Niña, Pinta, Santa María
- C. Victory, Hope, Star
- D. Eagle, Falcon, Dove

4. Where did Columbus's ships arrive?

- A. Australia
- B. Asia
- C. The Caribbean islands
- D. Antarctica