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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus was an explorer from Italy. In 1492, he sailed across the Atlantic Ocean with three ships called the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María. He hoped to find a new sea route to Asia.

Instead, Columbus arrived in islands in the Caribbean. People were already living there. They were Indigenous people who had their own homes, cultures, and traditions.

Although Columbus did not reach Asia, his voyage became an important event in history because it connected Europe and the Americas in new ways. Today, people learn about Columbus while also recognizing the history and cultures of Indigenous peoples.

QUESTIONS:

1.) Where was Christopher Columbus from?

2.) What year did he sail across the Atlantic?

3.) What were the names of his three ships?

4.) Did Columbus reach Asia?

5.) Who already lived in the Caribbean?

