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COLUMBUS DAY HISTORY

Columbus Day is celebrated in the United States on the second Monday of October. It remembers the voyage of Christopher Columbus across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492.

Columbus was an explorer from Italy. He believed he could reach Asia by sailing west across the ocean. With support from the King and Queen of Spain, he sailed with three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María.

After many weeks at sea, Columbus and his crew reached islands in the Caribbean. Although he thought he had reached Asia, he had actually arrived in a part of the world that was new to Europeans.

Today, people have different opinions about Columbus Day. Some celebrate Columbus's journey and its role in history, while others remember that Indigenous peoples were already living in the Americas long before Columbus arrived. Many communities now also celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor Native American cultures and history.

Learning about Columbus Day helps us understand different parts of history and why people may have different viewpoints.

Circle the correct answer.

1. Columbus Day is celebrated in:

- A. January
- B. July
- C. October
- D. December

4. How many ships did Columbus sail with?

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

2. Christopher Columbus was an:

- A. Farmer
- B. Explorer
- C. Teacher
- D. Doctor

5. Columbus believed he had reached:

- A. Africa
- B. Australia
- C. Asia
- D. Antarctica

3. Columbus sailed across the:

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Atlantic Ocean