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# COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day is a holiday observed in the United States on the second Monday in October.

It remembers the voyage of Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492 with three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María.

Columbus was looking for a new sea route to Asia, but instead he reached islands in the Caribbean.

His journey connected Europe and the Americas in new ways and changed history.

Today, people have different opinions about Columbus Day. Some celebrate Columbus's courage and exploration, while others focus on the experiences of Native American peoples who were already living in the Americas long before Columbus arrived. In some places, Columbus Day has been replaced by Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor Native American cultures and history.

Learning about Columbus Day helps students understand that history can be viewed from different perspectives.

Answer in complete sentences.

1.) Why did Christopher Columbus sail across the Atlantic Ocean?

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2.) What happened instead of reaching Asia?

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3.) Why do some people celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day?

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