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Columbus Day

Christopher Columbus was an explorer from Italy. He wanted to find a new sea route to Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1492, the King and Queen of Spain gave Columbus three ships for his voyage. The ships were the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María.

After many weeks at sea, Columbus and his crew finally saw land. They arrived at islands in the Caribbean. Columbus believed he had reached Asia, but he had actually reached lands in the Americas.

Today, Columbus Day is remembered as an important part of history. It is also a time to learn about the Indigenous peoples who lived in the Americas long before Columbus arrived.

Questions:

1. Where was Christopher Columbus from?

2. What was Columbus trying to find?

3. How many ships did Columbus sail with?

4. What were the names of Columbus's three ships?

5. Where did Columbus actually arrive?

