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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND HIS VOYAGE

Christopher Columbus was an explorer from Italy.

He believed he could reach Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1492, Columbus sailed with three ships called the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María.

After many weeks at sea, the crew finally saw land on October 12, 1492.

Columbus thought he had reached Asia, but he had actually arrived in the Americas.

The people already living there were indigenous peoples with their own cultures, languages, and communities.

Columbus's voyage connected Europe and the Americas in new ways.

It led to more exploration and major changes for many people.

Today, some people celebrate Columbus Day to remember the voyage, while others observe Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor the history and cultures of indigenous peoples.

1. Where was Christopher Columbus from?

- A. Spain
- B. Italy
- C. England
- D. France

2. How many ships did Columbus sail with?

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

3. What were the names of the three ships?

- A. Victory, Hope, Dream
- B. Mayflower, Speedwell, Discovery
- C. Niña, Pinta, Santa María
- D. Eagle, Star, Ocean

4. What did Columbus think he had reached?

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

5. Who already lived in the Americas?

- A. Vikings
- B. Pirates
- C. Indigenous peoples
- D. Sailors

6. Which ocean did Columbus sail across?

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

