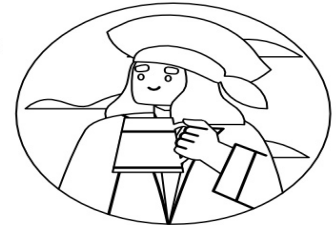


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THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus was an explorer from Italy. He was born in 1451 and loved learning about maps and sailing. Columbus believed he could reach Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.



In 1492, Columbus sailed with three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. After many weeks at sea, he reached islands in the Caribbean. Columbus thought he had arrived in Asia, but he had actually reached lands that were unknown to Europeans at that time.

Columbus made several voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. His journeys helped Europeans learn more about the Americas and led to further exploration. Today, people remember Columbus as an important explorer in world history.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Christopher Columbus from?

2. What did Columbus hope to find by sailing west?

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

4. In what year did Columbus make his famous voyage?

5. Why is Christopher Columbus remembered today?
