

COLUMBUS DAY READING

Name: _____

Date: _____

Write the correct answer.

Christopher Columbus was an explorer who found America in 1492. Columbus was from Italy, but wanted to get to China, where he thought he would find riches. Since land was much less explored back then, he wanted to try to get to Asia by going across the Atlantic Ocean.

Christopher Columbus convinced King Ferdinand of Spain to pay for his voyage. He took three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. Over two months after beginning his journey, Columbus found land off the Caribbean. He thought he had landed in India, so he called the native people there Indians. He continued to visit the Americas several more times over his life, never realizing that he was not in India.

1. Who was Columbus?

2. Why was he trying to go to China?

3. How was he trying to get there?

4. Who funded his voyage?

5. Where did he find land?

6. Where did he think he had landed?
