

COLUMBUS DAY HISTORY READING

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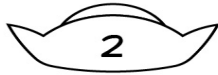
Write the correct answer.

Christopher Columbus was an Italian navigator and explorer who crossed the Atlantic Ocean and discovered the American continents. He was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy. As a boy, he worked with his father at a cheese stand. Later, he studied at Prince Henry's School of Navigation in Portugal.

In 1492, Columbus began his first voyage. He sailed to the Canary Islands, then discovered land that is now part of the Bahamas. He later went to Cuba and Hispaniola. Columbus believed he had reached India, so he called the natives "Indians."



Where was Columbus born?



Why did Columbus call the natives who lived in the land he discovered Indians?



What was Christopher Columbus's job?



Who had noticed the patch of lands, which is today a part of the Bahamas?



When did Columbus begin his first voyage?