

# COLUMBUS DAY LITERATURE

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Write the answer in other paper.

The Letter of Columbus ... to Luis de Sant Angel Announcing His Discovery (1493)

As I know you will be rejoiced at the glorious success that our Lord has given me in my voyage, I write this to tell you how in thirty-three days I sailed to the Indies with the fleet that the wonderful King and Queen gave me, where I discovered a great many islands, inhabited by numberless people; and of all I have taken possession for your Highness.

To the first island I discovered I gave the name of San Salvador. The Indians call it Guanahani. The second I named the Island of Santa Maria de Concepcion; the third, Fernandina; the fourth, Isabella; the fifth, Juana; and thus to each one I gave a new name.

Some ships' mates went to explore the islands for three days, and found countless small communities and people without number, but with no kind of government, so the ships' mates returned. From that point I ran another isle to the eastward, at eighteen leagues' distance, to which I gave the name of Hispaniola.

1. What does Columbus name the islands he has found?
2. Where does Columbus think he has traveled to?
3. Are there people on these islands and how many?
4. Using context clues in the first paragraph, what do you think "inhabited" means?
5. Who is Columbus writing a letter to?
6. How many islands does Columbus find?
7. How long has he been traveling?