

COLUMBUS DAY READING

Name: _____

Date: _____

Write the correct answer.

Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It commemorates Italian navigator Christopher Columbus' landing in the New World on October 12, 1492. Most nations in the Americas observe the holiday on October 12, while in the United States it is observed on the second Monday in October, with major celebrations such as a parade in New York City.

The first recorded celebration in the United States took place on October 12, 1792, organized by The Society of St. Tammany, commemorating the 300th anniversary of Columbus's landing. The 400th anniversary inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in 1892, when President Benjamin Harrison encouraged Americans to celebrate. The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 was the most ambitious event planned for the celebration.

Columbus landed in the New World on what date?

What American president encouraged Americans to celebrate Columbus Day?

How is America different from other American nations in the way we celebrate Columbus Day?