

# Keystage history

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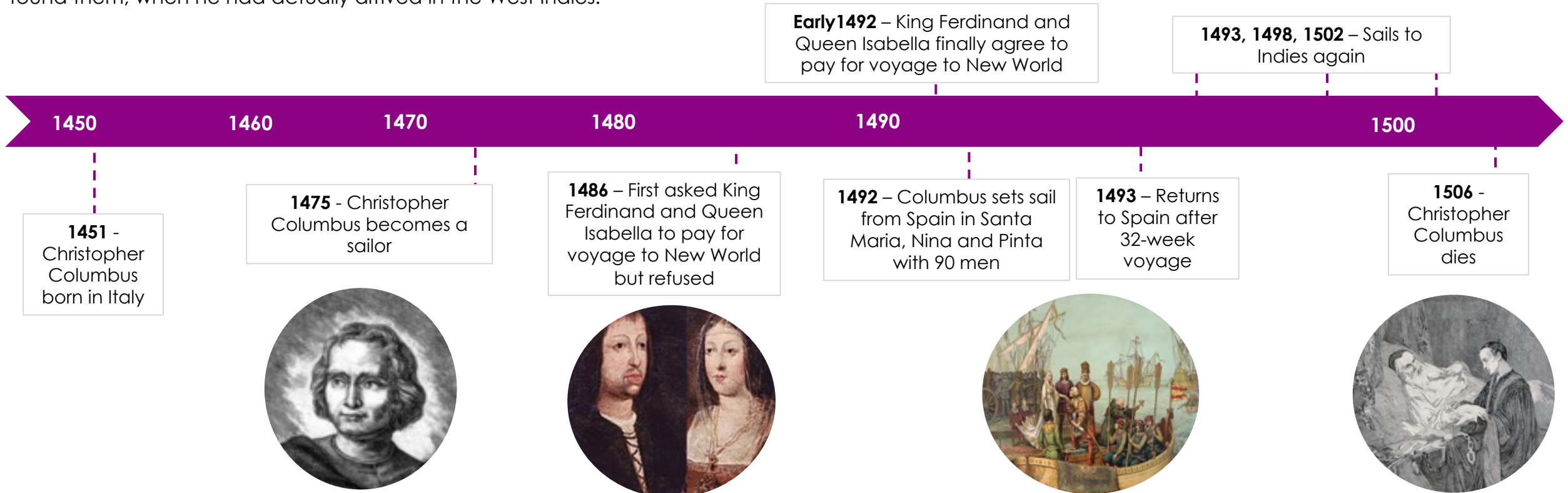
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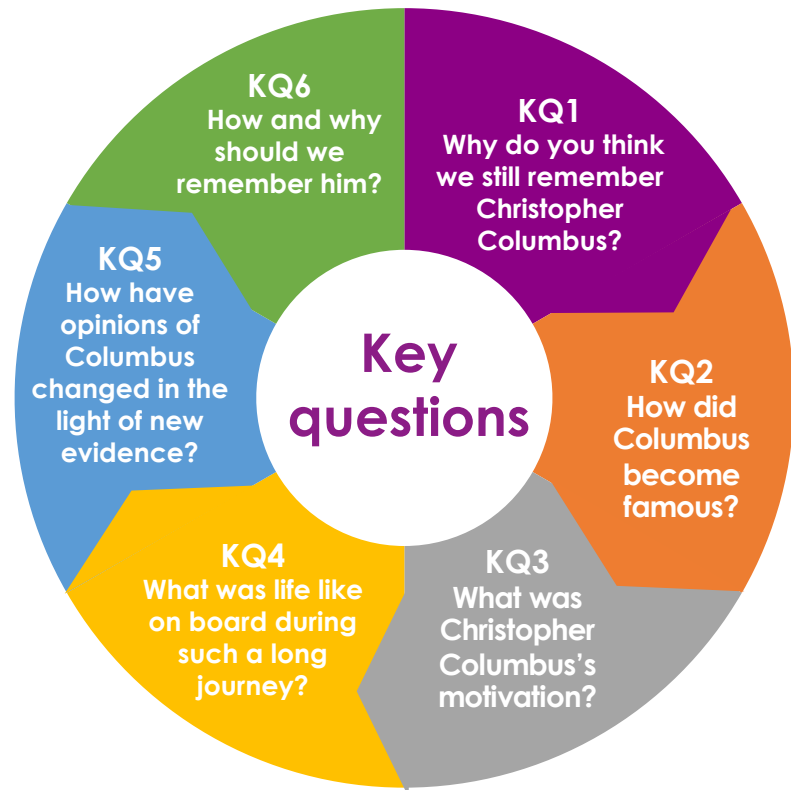


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## Why we are learning about Columbus

You are learning about Columbus because he is a world-famous navigator and explorer whose daring voyages in search of the Indies led to the opening of the Americas. The world today would be a very different place if he had not set sail. His life is a great example of someone following their dreams and never giving up. You may be learning about Columbus as part of an Explorers topic when you also look at other explorers such as Neil Armstrong who landed on the moon. The difference was, of course, that Columbus lived 500 years before and was actually looking to find his way to the riches of India and China and thought he had found them, when he had actually arrived in the West Indies!





## Key vocabulary

<b>Explorer</b>	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area
<b>Indians</b>	The original people living in North America when Columbus arrived
<b>Far East</b>	The countries of eastern and south-eastern Asia (such as China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and Vietnam)
<b>Navigator</b>	A person who explores by sea.
<b>New World</b>	Land west of the Atlantic Ocean: North, Central, and South America
<b>Route</b>	A way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination.
<b>Voyage</b>	A long journey involving travel by sea

## Who's who; what's what?

<b>Ferdinand</b>	Spanish King who paid for the expedition of Christopher Columbus
<b>Isabella</b>	Spanish Queen who paid for the expedition of Christopher Columbus
<b>Santa Maria</b>	Christopher Columbus' flagship on his first voyage to America
<b>Nina</b>	Second ship on his first voyage to America
<b>Pinta</b>	Third, and fastest, ship on his first voyage to America

## Top takeaways

### In this topic you will learn:

1. Columbus is often thought to have discovered America in 1492 when, of course, there were already native people living there.
2. What he did do was to discover a land that people from Europe started to settle in as the basis of modern-day America - which is why they have a Columbus day still on 12 October each year.
3. This changed the world as he kick-started the move of people from Europe to the Americas, what became known as the New World.
4. His story of daring determination travelling into the unknown has inspired many adventurers since.
5. Although often seen as a hero, recently people have changed their minds about him because they think he treated the native Indians he came across very cruelly.



# The world Map in 1492 and today

