

Christopher Columbus

History

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Key Facts

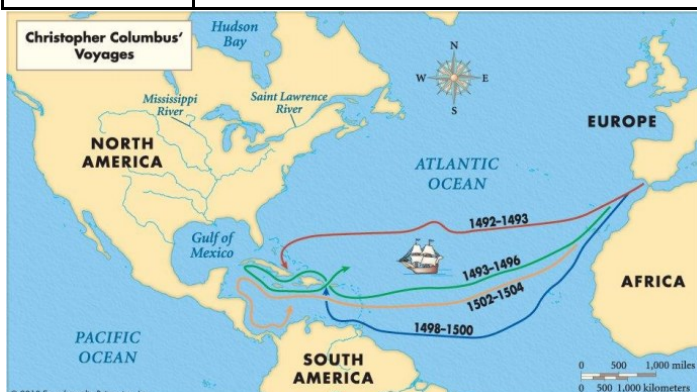
- Columbus was born in Italy, 1451
- He was a famous explorer who sailed from Europe to America.
- He and his sailors sailed across the Atlantic Ocean
- He discovered the Bahamas, Cuba and 'The New World' - America.
- He brought sugar, chocolate and potatoes back to Europe.
- His three main ships were called The Santa Maria, The Nina and The Pinta
- He used a compass to navigate his way across the Atlantic.
- Columbus believed that the Earth was round.
- He took 100 men on his first voyage

Chronology

1451	Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy
1476	Columbus became a sailor
1484	Planned a journey across the Atlantic Ocean but the King of Portugal refused
1492	Columbus lived in Spain where the King and Queen give him money for his ships
3rd August 1492	Columbus and his crew depart from Spain with three ships—The Santa Maria, The Nina and The Pinta
12th October 1492	'The New World' was sighted at 2:00am somewhere near the Bahamas
29th October 1492	Columbus arrives in Cuba
25th December 1492	The flagship Santa Maria sinks
15th March 1493	Columbus returned to Spain
1494	Visited Cuba, Hispaniola and Jamaica
1502	Arrived on the Mosquito Coast and went on to Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama
1504	Returned to Spain
1506	Columbus died

Vocabulary

voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space
compass	A magnetic tool for finding direction
map	A drawing of an area, country or continent
ship	a large boat that can transport passengers or cargo for long distances over water.
explorer	Someone who travels to places where no one has ever been
discover	Find out, see or learn for the first time
native	A person who comes from or was born in a par-



Useful links and sources

https://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/christopher_columbus.php

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/christopher-columbus>

<https://www.livescience.com/63339-map-influenced-christopher-columbus.html>