

Christopher Columbus

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Summary

This book is about Christopher Columbus and his discoveries as an explorer.

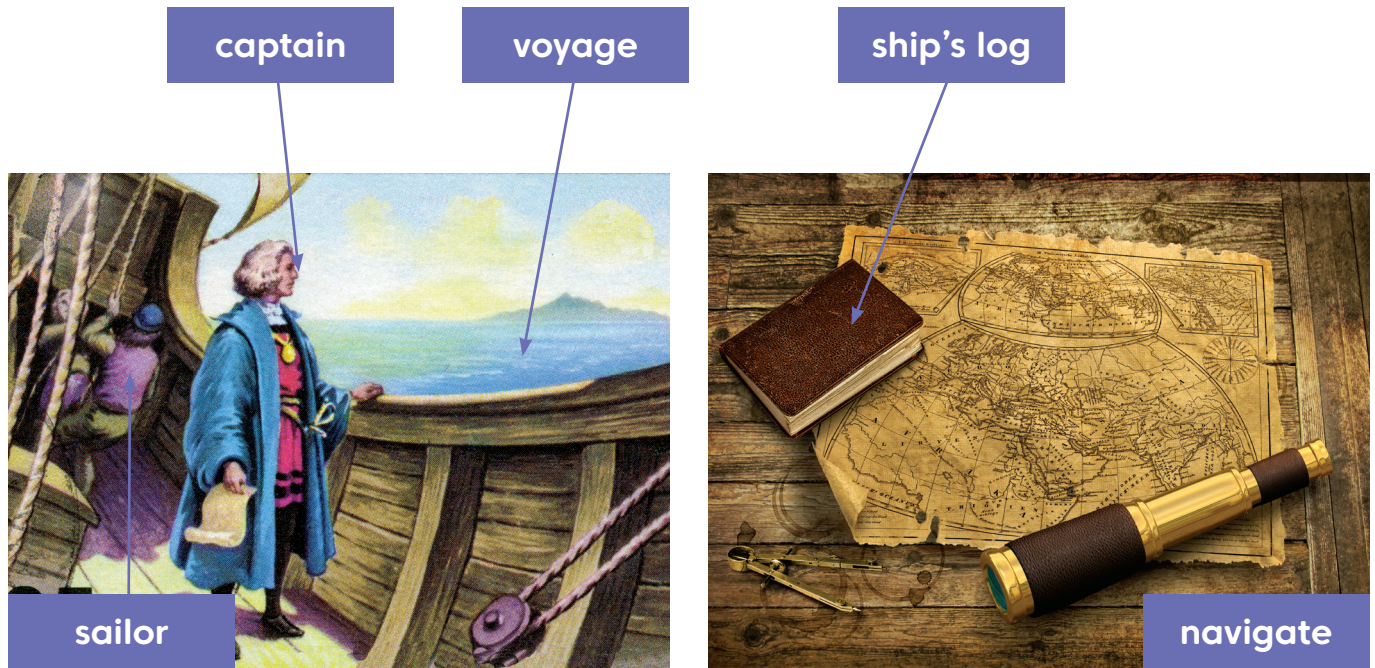
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What do you call a person who is the leader of a ship? _____
2. Who are the people who work on a ship? _____
3. What are maps for? _____
4. What did Christopher Columbus write in every day on his ship? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. monster

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• b. spices

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• c. teenagers

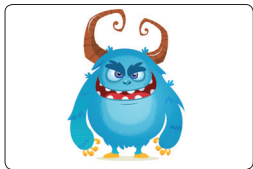
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• d. unknown

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• e. trade

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• f. continents

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• g. wealth

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• h. jewelry

B Write the word for each definition.

wealth

native

succeed

financial

briefly

1. _____ relating to money
2. _____ for a short time
3. _____ being from that place originally
4. _____ a large amount of money, property, etc. that a person or country owns
5. _____ to be able to do what you wanted to do

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Columbus went to sea when he was a teenager and learned all about sailing and how to steer a ship.
 a. set foot on b. navigate c. captain d. trade
2. Some say that the sailors were afraid there might be creatures in the sea.
 a. monsters b. natives c. teenagers d. captains
3. Columbus's discovery led to other explorers making the journey.
 a. overland b. discovery c. unknown d. voyage
4. Columbus set sail from Spain in August of 1492 with three ships and many workers.
 a. natives b. monsters c. sailors d. ship's logs

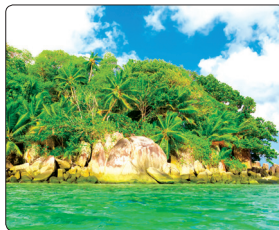
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Columbus wrote in a log to document his voyages.
- b. The king and queen of Spain gave financial support to Columbus for his voyage.
- c. Columbus's sailors were happy to see land after a long time at sea.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What was in the way of Columbus sailing around the world?
 - a. A teenager
 - b. A monster
 - c. Some jewelry
 - d. A continent
2. Who lived on hard biscuits, salted meat, and fish during their voyage?
 - a. Natives
 - b. The queen of Spain
 - c. Sailors
 - d. All of the above
3. What is one thing Columbus noticed about the people on San Salvador?
 - a. They wore jewelry
 - b. They were peaceful
 - c. They were wealthy
 - d. Both a and b

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Happy sailors seeing land
- b. A better way to get to Asia
- c. A long and difficult journey
- d. Natives of North America before Columbus
- e. Something only made in China



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ In the United States, Christopher Columbus is remembered on Columbus Day.
2. _____ Columbus became very famous before he died in 1501.
3. _____ After returning to Spain in 1493, Columbus never left again.
4. _____ Columbus thought he could sail west around the world to Asia.
5. _____ Columbus was born in a city called Genoa.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Christopher Columbus was a _____.
captain monster
2. Columbus learned how to _____ a ship when he was a teenager.
voyage navigate
3. People from Europe wanted to trade with other countries who had goods to sell like _____.
jewelry spices
4. Columbus dreamed that he would _____ a better way to get to Asia.
discover succeed
5. Columbus set sail on his _____ from Spain in August of 1492.
ship's log voyage

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Columbus planned his journey carefully but had to find money to finance the trip.
- b. _____ Columbus's discovery led to other explorers making the journey.
- c. _____ Having been at sea for thirty-six days, Columbus and his sailors spotted land.
- d. _____ After Columbus returned to Spain, he made three more journeys to find Asia.
- e. _____ Columbus thought he had landed on an island in the East Indies, but he landed in the Bahamas.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
Columbus needed financial support from the king and _____ of _____ for his journey.	Columbus is remembered on _____ in the United States.	Columbus landed on the island of San Salvador on _____.	Columbus dreamed of finding a better way to get to _____.	Columbus landed in San Salvador instead of the East Indies because he got his _____ wrong.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.