

# Christopher Columbus

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## Summary

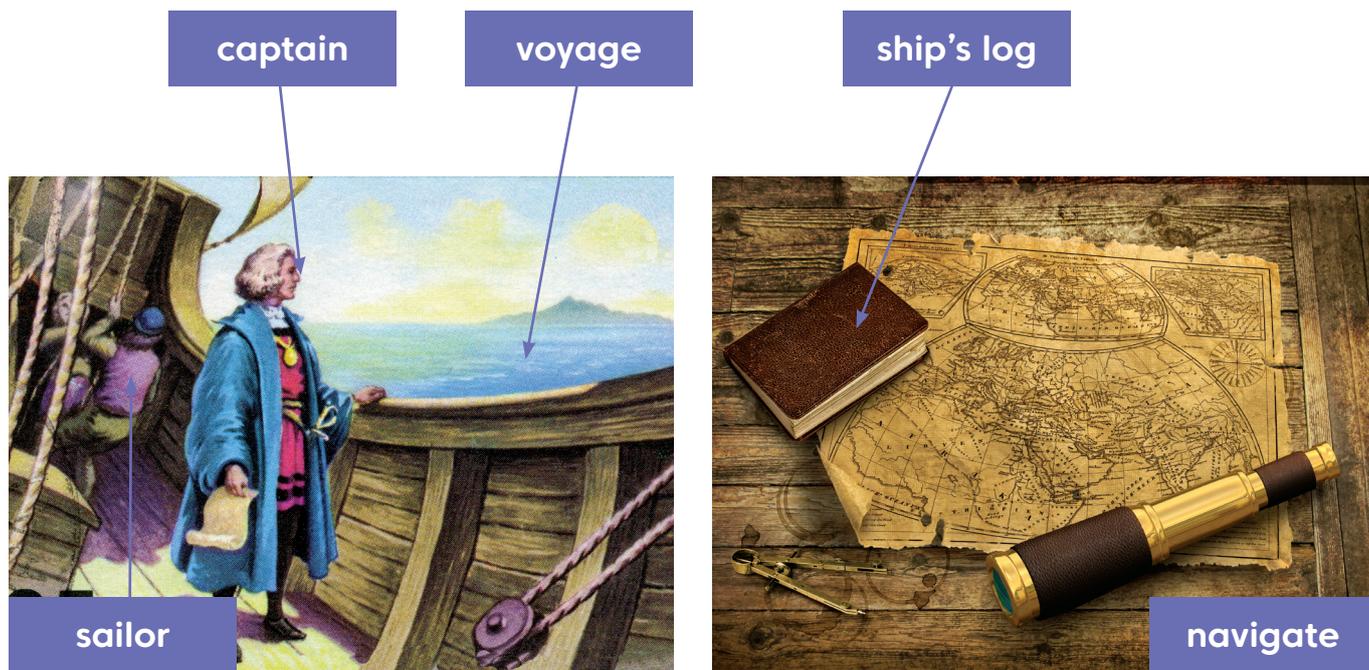
This book is about Christopher Columbus and his discoveries as an explorer.

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## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What do you call a person who is the leader of a ship?

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2. Who are the people who work on a ship?

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3. What are maps for?

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4. What did Christopher Columbus write in every day on his ship?

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# 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

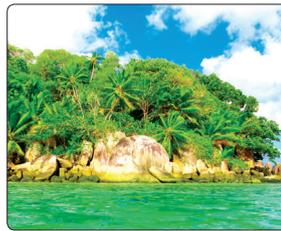
# Comprehension

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.