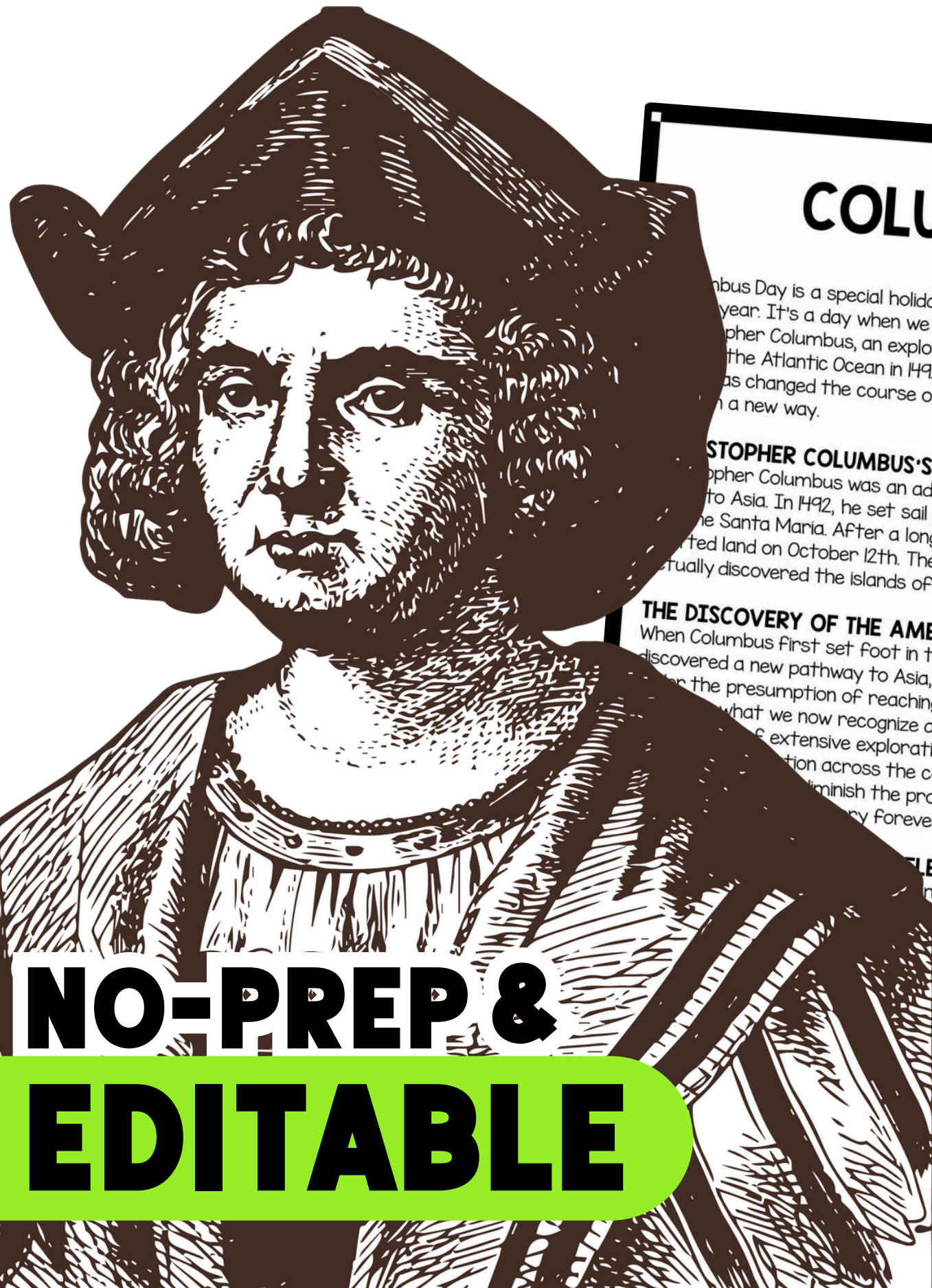


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COLUMBUS DAY (OCTOBER 14)
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Who was Columbus?
a) Christopher Columbus
b) George Washington
c) Abraham Lincoln
d) Benjamin Franklin

What was Columbus Day celebrated for?
a) The discovery of America
b) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
c) The founding of the United States
d) The end of the Civil War

What were the names of the three ships?
a) Santa Maria, Pinta, and Nina
b) Santa Maria, Pinta, and Columbus
c) Santa Maria, Pinta, and Discovery
d) Santa Maria, Pinta, and Columbus

What do you think Columbus thought he had reached?
a) Asia
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d) Australia

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CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day is celebrated in many countries, including the United States, Italy, and Spain. It's a day to remember Columbus's brave voyage and the impact it had on world history. Some people celebrate by attending parades, while others learn about Columbus's journey in school or visit museums dedicated to exploration.

CONTROVERSY AND DEBATE

In recent years, there has been some controversy surrounding Columbus Day. Some people believe that Columbus's arrival in the Americas led to the mistreatment and colonization of Indigenous peoples. As a result, some cities and states have chosen to rename the holiday or celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead.



CONCLUSION

Columbus Day is a day to remember Christopher Columbus and his historic voyage to the Americas. While it's a time to celebrate exploration and discovery, it's also important to reflect on the impact of Columbus's arrival on Indigenous peoples. Whether you celebrate Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day, it's a chance to learn about history and honor the diverse cultures of the Americas.

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. Who is honored on Columbus Day?**
 - a) Christopher Columbus
 - b) George Washington
 - c) Abraham Lincoln
 - d) Thomas Jefferson
- 2. When is Columbus Day celebrated?**
 - a) November 11th
 - b) July 4th
 - c) October 14th
 - d) December 25th
- 3. What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with?**
 - a) Santa Claus, Rudolph, Frosty
 - b) Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria
 - c) Titanic, Britannic, Olympic
 - d) Mayflower, Endeavour, Discovery
- 4. Where did Columbus think he had reached when he arrived in the Americas?**
 - a) Asia
 - b) Europe
 - c) Africa
 - d) Australia
- 5. What did Columbus call the people he met in the Americas?**
 - a) Americans
 - b) Europeans
 - c) Indians
 - d) Asians

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who was Christopher Columbus?
2. When did Columbus set sail on his voyage?
3. What did Columbus believe he had reached when he reached the Americas?
4. How is Columbus Day celebrated?
5. What controversy surrounds Columbus Day?

6. What did Columbus name the islands in the Caribbean Sea?

- a) The Bahamas
- b) The Canary Islands
- c) The Azores
- d) The Galápagos Islands

7. In addition to the United States, which other countries celebrate Columbus Day?

- a) England
- b) Italy
- c) China
- d) Japan

8. What controversy surrounds Columbus Day?

- a) Debate over the best way to cook turkey
- b) Disagreements about the date of the holiday
- c) Controversy over the treatment of Indigenous peoples
- d) Arguments about the color of Columbus Day

9. What alternative holiday do some cities celebrate instead of Columbus Day?

- a) Thanksgiving
- b) Halloween
- c) Indigenous Peoples' Day
- d) Memorial Day

10. What is the main message of the passage?

- a) Columbus Day celebrates the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus.
- b) Columbus Day is a day to honor modern explorers.
- c) Columbus Day is a holiday celebrated on October 14th.
- d) Columbus Day has no controversy associated with it.

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. a) Christopher Columbus
2. c) October 14th
3. b) Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria
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