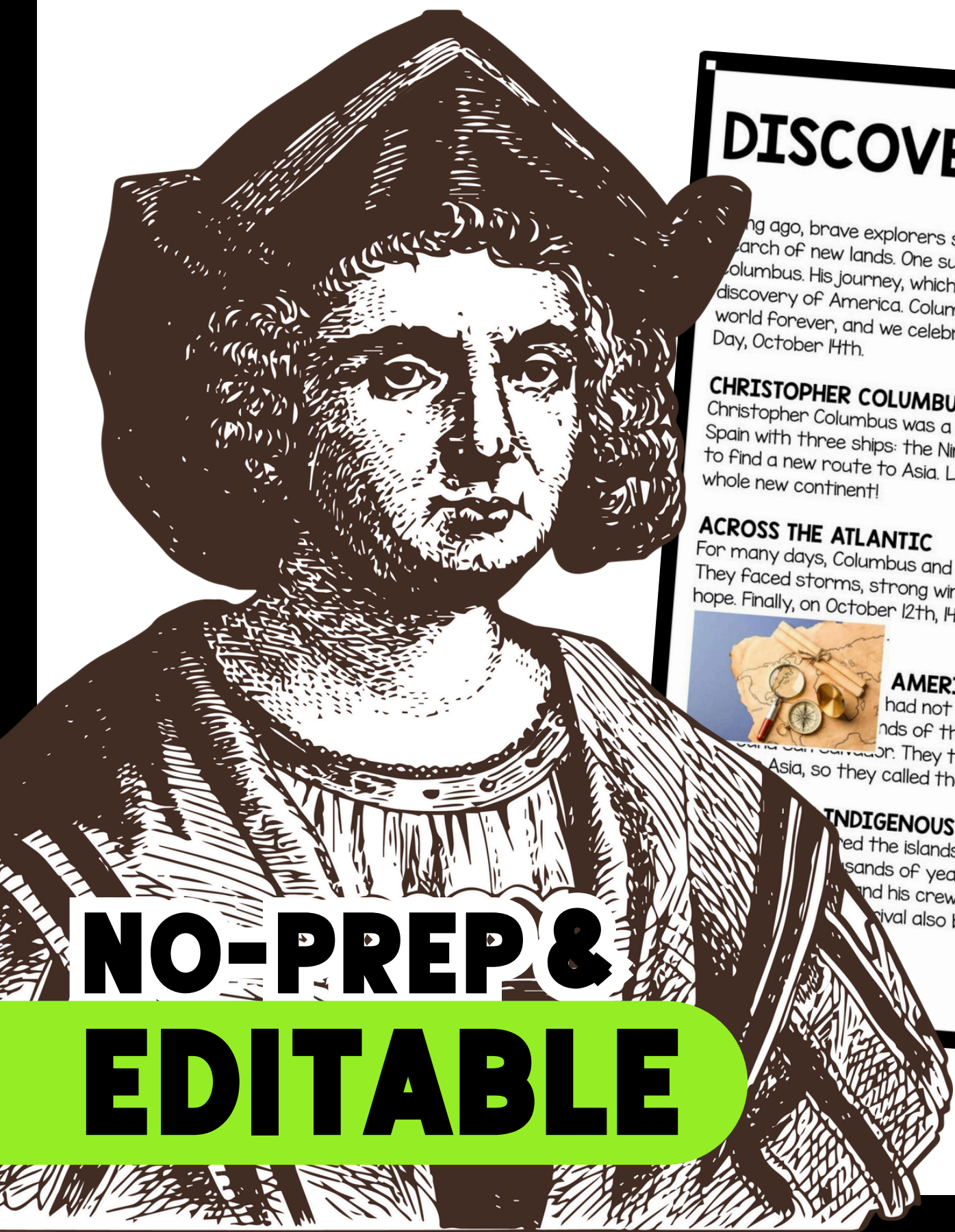


Columbus Day

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COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATIONS
Today, we celebrate Columbus Day to honor Columbus's brave voyage and its impact on many cultures.

DISCOVERING AMERICA
Long ago, brave explorers sailed across vast oceans in search of new lands. One such explorer was Christopher Columbus. His journey, which began in 1492, led to the discovery of America. Columbus's voyage changed the world forever, and we celebrate it every year on Columbus Day, October 14th.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS'S ADVENTURE
Christopher Columbus was a bold explorer from Italy. In 1492, he set sail from Spain with three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. His mission was to find a new route to Asia. Little did he know that he was about to discover a whole new continent!

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC
For many days, Columbus and his crew sailed across the vast Atlantic Ocean. They faced storms, strong winds, and the unknown. But Columbus never gave up hope. Finally, on October 12th, 1492, they spotted land! It was an exciting moment.

DISCOVERING AMERICA
Columbus had not reached Asia, as they had hoped. Instead, they had discovered the Caribbean Sea. They named the first island San Salvador. They thought they had reached the "Indies" of Asia, so they called the people they met "Indians."

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
When Columbus reached the islands, he encountered Native Americans who had lived there for thousands of years. They had their own cultures and traditions. Columbus and his crew traded with the Native Americans, and this contact also brought change to the Americas.

HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY

...but exploration. It's a day to celebrate the spirit of adventure.

...it's also a time for reflection. Columbus's voyage had negative consequences for the Native Americans. To celebrate Columbus Day, it's important to remember the cultures and histories of all people.

...remember the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America. It's a reminder that the world is full of possibilities, and we should explore and respect all cultures.

DISCOVERING AMERICA

...OSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Who was Christopher Columbus?

- From Spain
- From Italy
- From England
- From France

When did Columbus set sail on his first voyage?

...s did Columbus sail with?

What was Columbus's mission?

- To find a route to Africa
- To find a route to Asia

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MCQ'S
QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

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AMERICA

had not reached Asia, as they had hoped. Instead, they found the islands of the Caribbean Sea. They named the first island they found San Salvador. They thought they had reached the "Indies," another name for Asia, so they called the people they met "Indians."

MEETING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

As Columbus explored the islands, he encountered Indigenous peoples who had lived there for thousands of years. They had their own languages, cultures, and traditions. Columbus and his crew traded with them and learned from them. However, Columbus's arrival also brought changes to their way of life.

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COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Today, we celebrate Columbus Day to honor Christopher Columbus's brave voyage and the discovery of America. People in many countries hold parades, learn about Columbus in school, or visit museums to learn more about exploration. It's a day to remember the past and celebrate the spirit of adventure.



CONTROVERSY AND REFLECTION

While Columbus Day is a time of celebration, it's also a time for reflection. Some people believe that Columbus's arrival had negative consequences for the Indigenous peoples of America. As we celebrate Columbus Day, it's important to remember and respect the cultures and histories of all people.

CONCLUSION

Columbus Day is a special day when we remember the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America. It's a reminder that the world is full of wonders waiting to be explored. As we celebrate this day, let's also remember to be curious, courageous, and respectful of others.

READING COMPREHENSION

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DISCOVERING AMERICA

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Who was Christopher Columbus?

- a) An explorer from Spain
- b) An explorer from Italy
- c) An explorer from England
- d) An explorer from France

2. When did Columbus set sail on his famous voyage?

- a) 1491
- b) 1492
- c) 1493
- d) 1494

3. How many ships did Columbus sail with?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

4. What was Columbus's mission?

- a) To find a new route to Africa
- b) To find a new route to Asia
- c) To find a new route to Europe
- d) To find a new route to Australia

5. What did Columbus name the first island he found?

- a) Cuba
- b) Jamaica
- c) San Salvador
- d) Hispaniola

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who was Christopher Columbus?
2. When did Columbus set sail on his voyage?
3. How many ships did Columbus sail with?
4. What did Columbus believe he had found?
5. How do people celebrate Columbus Day?

6. What did Columbus believe he had found land?

- a) Asia
- b) Africa
- c) Europe
- d) Australia

7. What did Columbus call the people on the islands?

- a) Europeans
- b) Africans
- c) Indians
- d) Asians

8. How do people celebrate Columbus Day?

- a) By attending parades
- b) By learning about Columbus in school
- c) By visiting museums
- d) All of the above

9. What controversy surrounds Columbus Day?

- a) Disputes over the date of the holiday
- b) Disagreements about Columbus's nationality
- c) Concerns about the treatment of Indigenous peoples
- d) Arguments about the color of Columbus's clothing

10. What is the main message of the passage?

- a) Columbus was the first person to discover America
- b) Columbus's voyage led to the discovery of America and is celebrated on Columbus Day.
- c) Columbus Day celebrates the achievement of an explorer who has no controversy associated with him.

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) An explorer from Italy
2. b) 1492
3. c) Three
4. b) To find a new route to Asia
5. c) San Salvador
6. a) Asia
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SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

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4. Columbus believed he had reached Asia when he found land.
5. People celebrate Columbus Day by attending parades, learning about Columbus in school, or visiting museums dedicated to exploration.

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