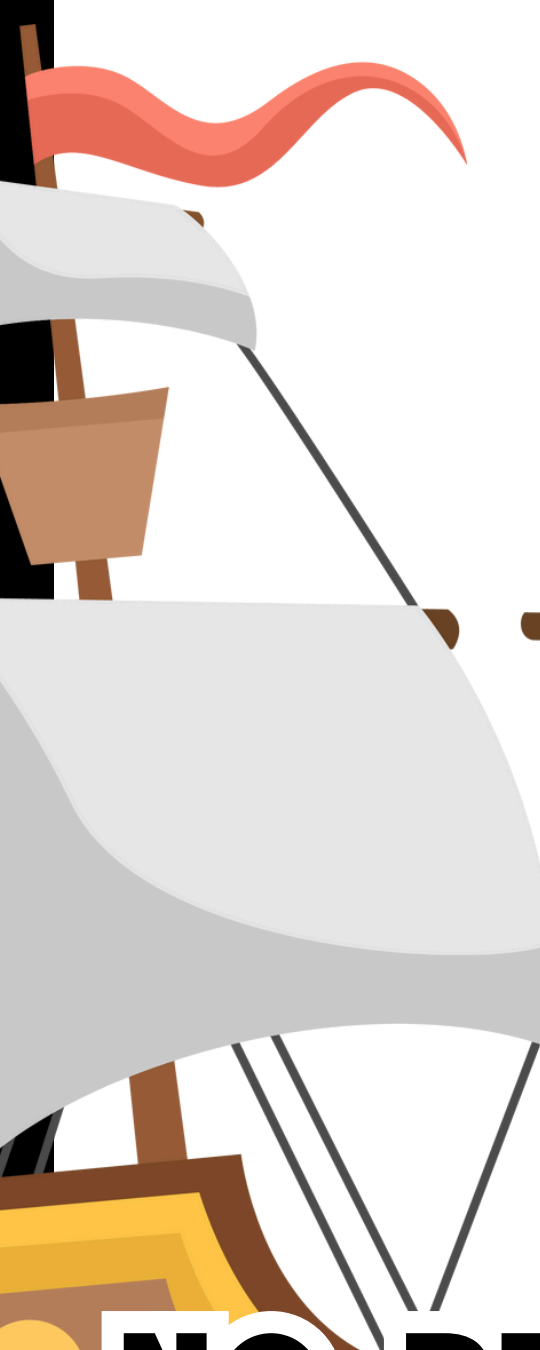


Columbus Day

NEW WORLD ARRIVAL

READING COMPREHENSION



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Once upon a time, there was a brave explorer named Christopher Columbus. He lived in Italy and dreamed of finding a new route to Asia. Back then, people believed the Earth was flat, but Columbus thought it was round like a ball. He was determined to prove it!

GETTING SAIL
In 1492, Columbus convinced the king and queen of Spain to give him three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. On a bright morning in August, Columbus and his crew waved goodbye to their home and set sail across the vast Atlantic Ocean. They didn't know what adventures awaited them!

LAND AHOY!
After many days at sea, the sailors spotted something exciting on the horizon: land! On October 12, 1492, they reached the shores of an island in the Caribbean Sea. Columbus and his crew were overjoyed. They thought they had found a new route to Asia, but instead they had discovered a new continent: the Americas!

NEW PEOPLE
Columbus and his crew had never seen people like these before. They had been living in small villages, speaking different languages, and following different customs. Columbus realized that he had stumbled upon a completely new world.

CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY
Every year on October 12th, people in many countries celebrate Christopher Columbus and his historic voyage. They hold parades, learning about the impact of exploration.

CONTROVERSY AND REFLECTION
In recent years, there has been some controversy surrounding Columbus. Some people believe that Columbus's arrival in the Americas led to the death of many Indigenous peoples. As a result, some cities have decided to stop celebrating Columbus Day or celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead. It's important to think about the impact of Columbus's discovery on the Americas.

To remember the brave explorer who discovered a whole new world, we also remember the Indigenous peoples who were already living there. Columbus Day is a time to learn about history and the tapestry of cultures that make up our world.

NEW WORLD ARRIVAL

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Where was Christopher Columbus born?
From Spain
From Italy
From England
From France

What do people believe about the shape of the Earth?
It is flat.
It is round.
It is square.
It is triangular.

What are the names of the three ships?
Santa Claus, Santa Maria, and Santa Monica.
Santa Maria, Pinta, and Nina.
Columbus, and Pinta.

What did Columbus and his crew spot?

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MCQ'S
QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

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SETTING SAIL

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MEETING NEW PEOPLE

When Columbus and his crew landed in the Americas, they met Indigenous peoples who had been living there for thousands of years. These people had their own languages, cultures, and traditions. Columbus called them "Indians" because he thought he had reached the Indies, another name for Asia. Little did he know, he had stumbled upon a completely different part of the world!

CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY

Every year on October 14th, people in many countries celebrate Columbus Day, honoring Christopher Columbus and his historic voyage to the Americas, marked by parades, learning, and celebration of exploration and discovery.

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CONTROVERSY AND REFLECTION

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. It's important to think about the impact of Columbus's arrival and to honor the diverse cultures of the Americas.



CONCLUSION

Columbus Day is a day to remember the brave explorer who sailed across the ocean and discovered a whole new world. While we celebrate Columbus's journey, we also remember the Indigenous peoples who were already living in the Americas. Whether we call it Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day, it's a time to learn about history and celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our world.

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NEW WORLD ARRIVAL

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. What did Columbus believe about the shape of the Earth?

- a) That it was flat
- b) That it was round
- c) That it was square
- d) That it was triangular

3. What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with?

- a) Nina, Pinta, and Santa Claus
- b) Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria
- c) Mayflower, Titanic, and Pinta
- d) Santa Maria, Columbus, and Pinta

4. When did Columbus and his crew spot land?

- a) August 12th, 1492
- b) October 12th, 1492
- c) December 25th, 1492
- d) January 1st, 1493

5. What did Columbus call the people he met in the Americas?

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

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who was Christopher Columbus?
2. What did Columbus believe about the Earth?
3. Name one of the three ships Columbus sailed with.
4. When is Columbus Day celebrated?
5. Why has there been controversy surrounding Columbus Day in recent years?

6. What day is Columbus Day celebrated?

- a) November 11th
- b) July 4th
- c) October 14th
- d) December 25th

7. How do people celebrate Columbus Day?

- a) By attending parades
- b) By going to the beach
- c) By watching movies
- d) By staying at home

8. What controversy surrounds Columbus Day?

- a) Debate over the best way to cook turkey
- b) Disagreements about the date of the discovery
- 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 in many states.
- d) Columbus Day has no controversy associated with it.

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) An explorer from Italy
2. b) That it was round
3. b) Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria
4. b) October 12th, 1492
5. c) Indians
6. c) October 14th
7. a) By attending parades
8. c) Controversy over the treatment of Indigenous peoples
9. c) Indigenous Peoples' Day
10. a) Columbus Day celebrates the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus.

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Christopher Columbus was an explorer from Italy.
2. Columbus believed that the Earth was round like a ball.
3. Columbus sailed with three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.
4. Columbus Day is celebrated on October 14th.
5. There has been controversy surrounding Columbus Day due to debates about the treatment of Indigenous peoples.

ANSWER KEY
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QUESTIONS