

# Christopher Columbus

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## Christopher Columbus' life

Christopher Columbus learned to sail in a wooden ship with sails. His dream was to go to China.

The King and Queen of Spain gave him money to buy ships.

## His famous adventures

He set sail from Europe on 3rd August, 1492, with his sailors.

They did not know where they would land. The journey was long and frightening.

He discovered new lands, they called it 'The New World'.

The ships arrived in America in 1492, (but Christopher Columbus did not really discover America, the Vikings did 500 years before.)

He started regular contact with America and took some new food back to Europe.

He went back to Europe when one of his ships got damaged. He sailed again in 1502 and ended up in Central America.

He was very ill when he got home and died in 1506.

## Interesting facts!

- His first trip to sea was when he was 13 years old.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.



# Christopher Columbus Questions

1. When was Christopher Columbus born?

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2. What was Christopher's dream?

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3. What were the ships he sailed made of?

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4. How old was he on his first trip to sea?

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5. Where did the sailors sleep?

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6. What did they call the new lands?

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# Christopher Columbus Answers

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**He was born in 1451.**

2. What was Christopher's dream?

**His dream was to go to China.**

3. What were the ships he sailed made of?

**They were made of wood.**

4. How old was he on his first trip to sea?

**He was 13 on his first trip.**

5. Where did the sailors sleep?

**They slept on the deck.**

6. What did they call the new lands?

**They called it 'The New World'.**

7. Where did he end up in 1502?

**He ended up in Central America.**

8. What happened to him in 1506?

**He died in 1506.**

# Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus is famous for being an explorer. He was also a navigator. He was born in 1451, in Italy.

## Christopher Columbus' life

Christopher Columbus learned to sail in a wooden ship with sails and his biggest ship was less than 23m long. He learnt to find his way at sea by using the stars, the sun and a compass. Christopher Columbus' dream was to go to China and he needed money in order to do this. The king and queen of Spain gave him the money he needed to buy ships.

## His famous adventures

He set sail from Europe on 3rd August, 1492, along with his sailors. They did not know where they would land.

The journey took them many frightening weeks. He sailed to Cuba and discovered new lands. They called it 'The New World'.

They arrived in America in 1492. Christopher Columbus did not discover America, as

the Vikings from Europe had already landed in America 500 years before, but he did not know this. He started regular contact between Europe and America though and introduced tomatoes and potatoes into Europe.

On Christmas night in 1492, one of his ships was damaged and he had to leave it there with 40 men on board. When he came back for them, they were dead. He sailed again in 1502 and ended up in Central America. He was very ill when he got home and died in 1506, in Spain.

## Interesting facts!

- His first trip at sea was when he was 13 years old.
- Christopher Columbus sailed to America four times.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.



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