

5 класс

Тема: *The Discovery of America.*

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Christopher Columbus is not only a sailor but a famous explorer

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. Living by the Mediterranean Sea he longed to be a sailor. He began sailing on Italian ships at the age of 14. When Columbus was 25 he was sailing on a ship headed for England. A group of French pirates attacked his ship. Columbus was hurt, but managed to grab onto some floating wood and make his way to shore.



Columbus opened a shop that sold maps and books for sailors. There he became a map maker and began reading books. He read a book written by Marco Polo. Columbus was fascinated by Polo's book. After reading this book Columbus was sure he could reach the Indies by traveling west. He wanted to go to the Indies to get jewels and spices.





Columbus asked King John II of Portugal for three ships to try out his idea of traveling west to reach the East. The king refused to give him the ships. Columbus tried going to other kings in France and England. They would not give him the ships. Finally Columbus went to the king and queen of Spain; King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

Santa Maria

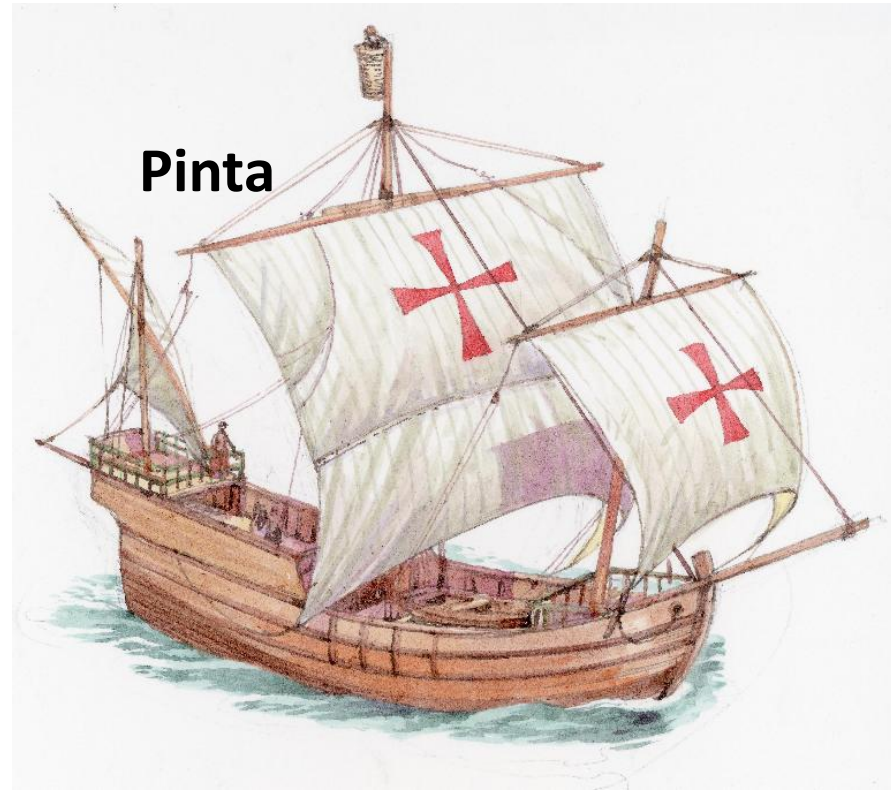


Niña



Queen Isabella refused Columbus at first. Later King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella gave Columbus three ships, a crew of about ninety men, and some money. The three ships were the Niña, Pinta, and Santa María.

Pinta



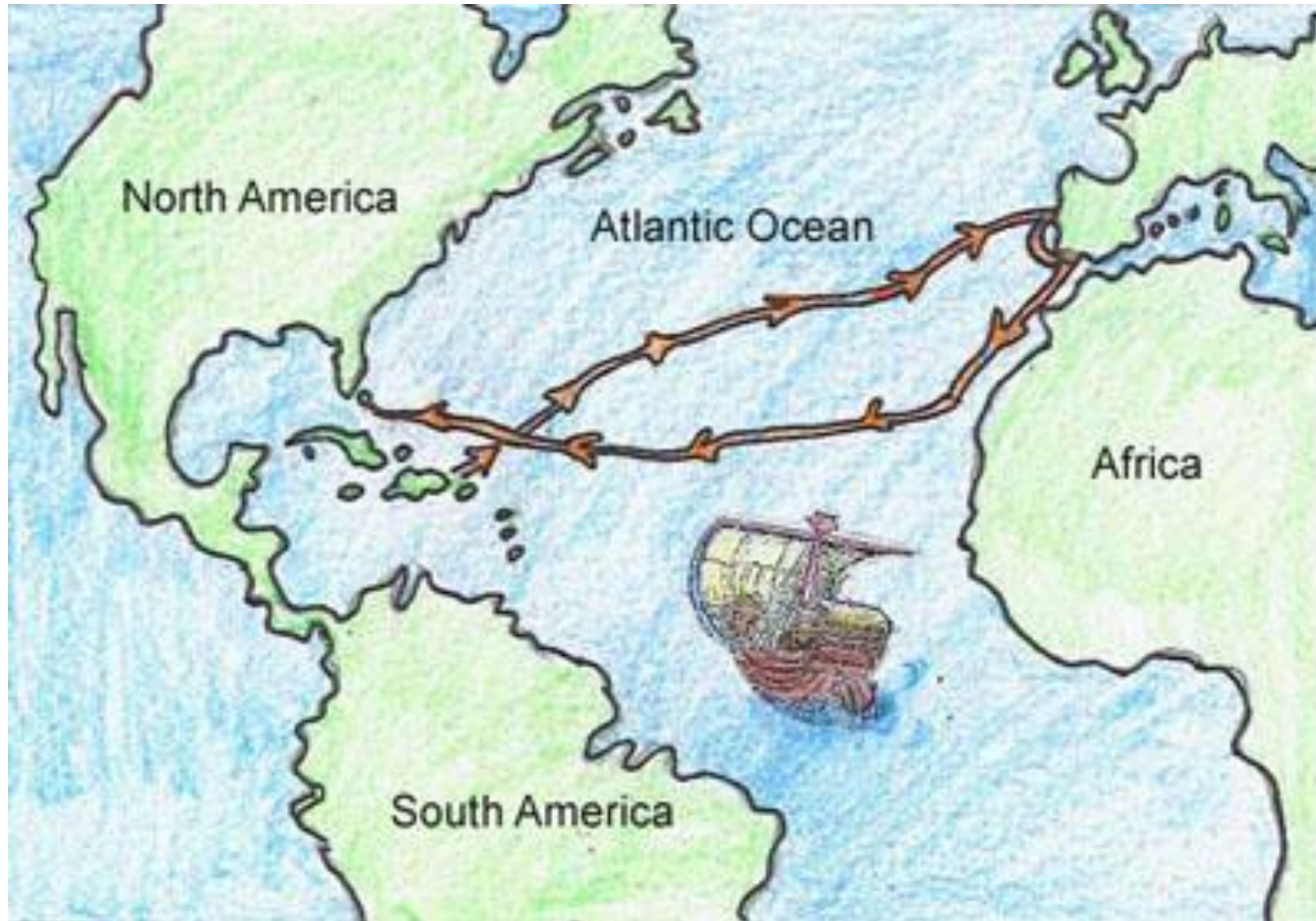
On August 2, 1492 the voyage began. Columbus's crew was afraid of the unknown seas. They believed monsters were in the waters. Some thought the world was flat, and that their ships were sailing too far from the shore and would fall off the end of the earth. On September 1, 1492 Columbus's ships passed an active volcano on the island of Teneriffe. The men took this as a bad sign.

Learn the poem:

*In fourteen hundred and ninety-two,
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
He took three ships with him, too,
And called aboard his faithful crew.*

*Mighty, strong and brave was he
As he sailed across the open sea.
Some people still thought the
world was flat!*

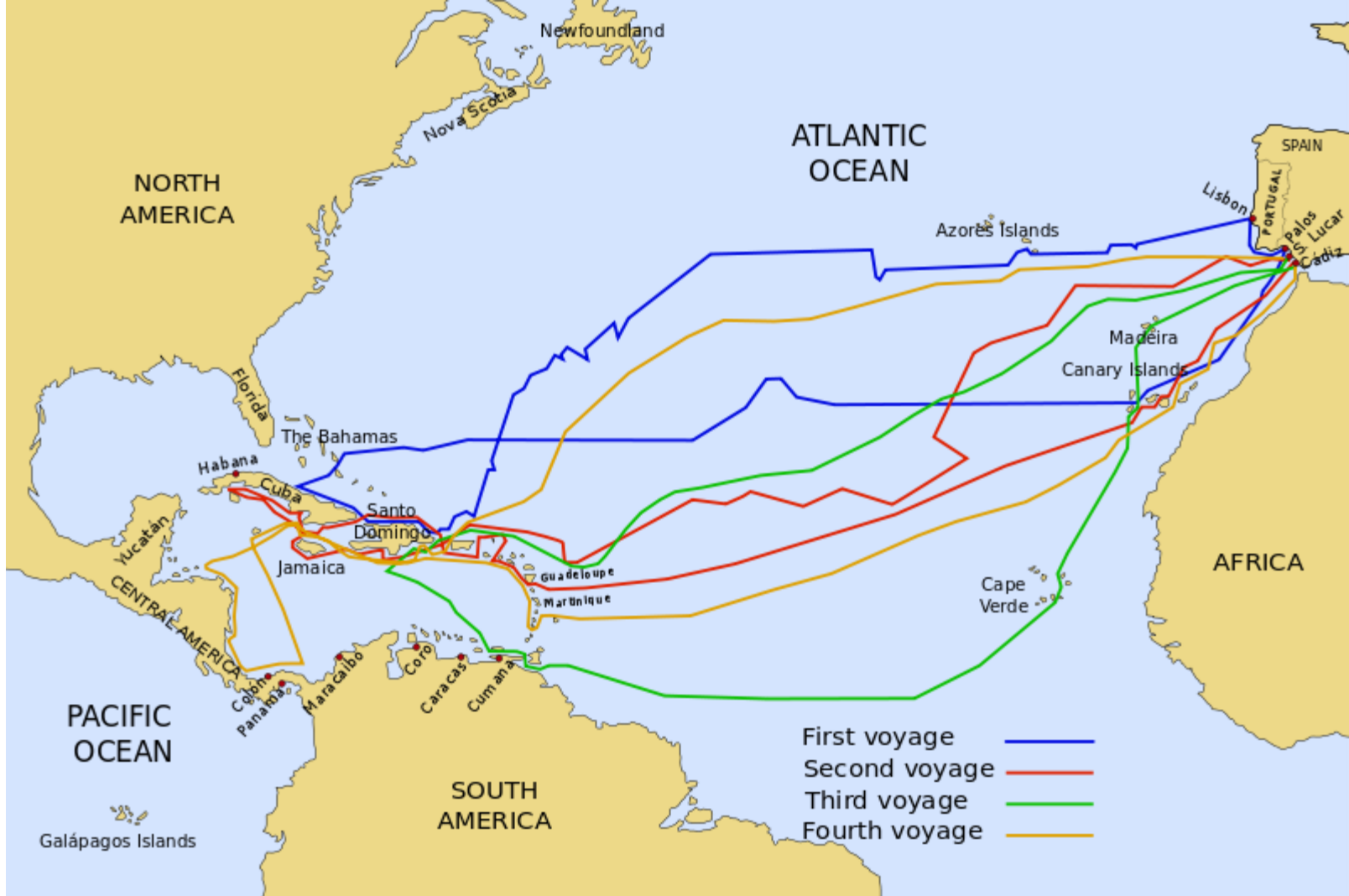
Can you even imagine that?



On October 12 after 71 days at sea land was sighted. Columbus and his men rowed ashore and planted a flag in the sand. They claimed the island which they named San Salvador for Spain. Since Columbus believed he was in the Indies he called the natives Indians. Columbus had really landed on an island southeast of what is now Florida.



In March 1493 Columbus sailed back to Spain with a few Indians. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella named him Admiral of the Ocean Sea.



Columbus sailed to America three more times in 1493, 1498, and 1502. He found San Salvador and then Cuba which he called Juana, but he found few riches on his voyages. He died a man of average wealth on May 20, 1506 in Spain.

Make a plan of the text and try to retell it in the shortest possible way.



Christopher Columbus Monument in Syracuse, NY, the USA.



Christopher Columbus monument in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Find the past form of the following verbs:

- Is
- Are
- Begin
- Sell
- Become
- Can
- Will
- Go
- Give
- Think
- Take
- Have
- Find

True or false?

- Columbus was born in Spain.
- He began sailing at the age of 16.
- He opened a shop that sold maps.
- He wanted to go to the Indies to get jewels and spices.
- The King of France gave him money for the trip.
- Columbus had 4 ships.
- The voyage began on July 2, 1492.
- Columbus landed on an island southwest of what is now Florida.
- He sailed to America 5 times.

Fill the gaps.

- Columbus was born ... in 1451.
- He read a book written by
- Columbus was sure he could reach the Indies by travelling
- The three ships were ... , ... and
- His ships passed an active ... on the island of Teneriffe.
- Columbus and his men rowed ashore and planted a ... in the sand.
- He called the natives
- King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella named him ... of the Ocean Sea.
- He found ... and then ... during his following voyages.

Answer the questions.

- Why did Christopher Columbus long to be a sailor?
- How old was he when he was sailing on a ship headed for England?
- Who attacked the ship?
- How did he survive?
- Why did he want to go to the Indies?
- Who gave him money and ships?
- How many people were there in his crew?
- Why were they afraid of the voyage?
- Where did he land?
- He sailed back to Spain with a few Indians, didn't he?

Find mistakes and correct the sentences.

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