

## Why is Christopher Columbus famous?

### Who is Christopher Columbus?

Christopher Columbus was an **explorer**. He was born in 1451 in Genoa in Italy. It was a time of new ideas and **discoveries** in Europe. We call this time the **Renaissance**.



People were making maps of new lands. They were building ships to **explore** places they had never visited before.



### What did Christopher Columbus do?

In 1492, Christopher Columbus and his sailors crossed the Atlantic Ocean, not knowing where they would land.



Christopher Columbus' **dream** was to find a new route east. He **believed** that he could do this by sailing west.

When he landed in America he was **convinced** he was **actually** in the East Indies so he called the native people Indians.



Everyone **believed** that the world was flat but Christopher Columbus **proved** that it was round.

### Did you know?

Today, we **celebrate** Columbus Day in October to **honour** his **discoveries**.

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Who was Christopher Columbus?

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What year was he born?

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When do we celebrate Columbus Day?

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What do you know about Christopher Columbus?

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What was Christopher Columbus hoping to find?

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What type of text is this?

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How do you know?

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Do you know of any other famous explorers?

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What year did Christopher Columbus sail across the Atlantic ocean?

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Why do you think he was so keen to find a new route and new land?

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What did everyone believe?

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What did Christopher Columbus believe?

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