

Christopher Columbus Day - October 12

On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain in search of the East Indies. Columbus sailed west across the then uncharted Atlantic Ocean. Eighty-eight men made up the crews of the "Niña," "Pinta," and "Santa Maria."

The journey was a long and difficult one. The crews became terrified at their failure to find land and threatened mutiny. Before dawn on October 12, 1492, the ships landed on an island in the Bahamas. With island natives looking on, Columbus claimed the land for Spain and called it "San Salvador." He was disappointed not to find the wealthy cities and grand civilizations that had been speculated. Instead, he found a culture very different from the Europeans.

Columbus had landed on what he called the New World, and for this he was honored by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. This land soon became known as "America," after Amerigo Vespucci, who later explored the mainland for Portugal. Christopher Columbus sailed the Atlantic Ocean and explored new lands.

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ACTIVITY 2



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COLUMBUS, NIÑA, PINTA, SANTA MARIA, SPAIN, SAN SALVADOR,
NEW WORLD, AMERICA, KING FERDINAND, QUEEN ISABELLA

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