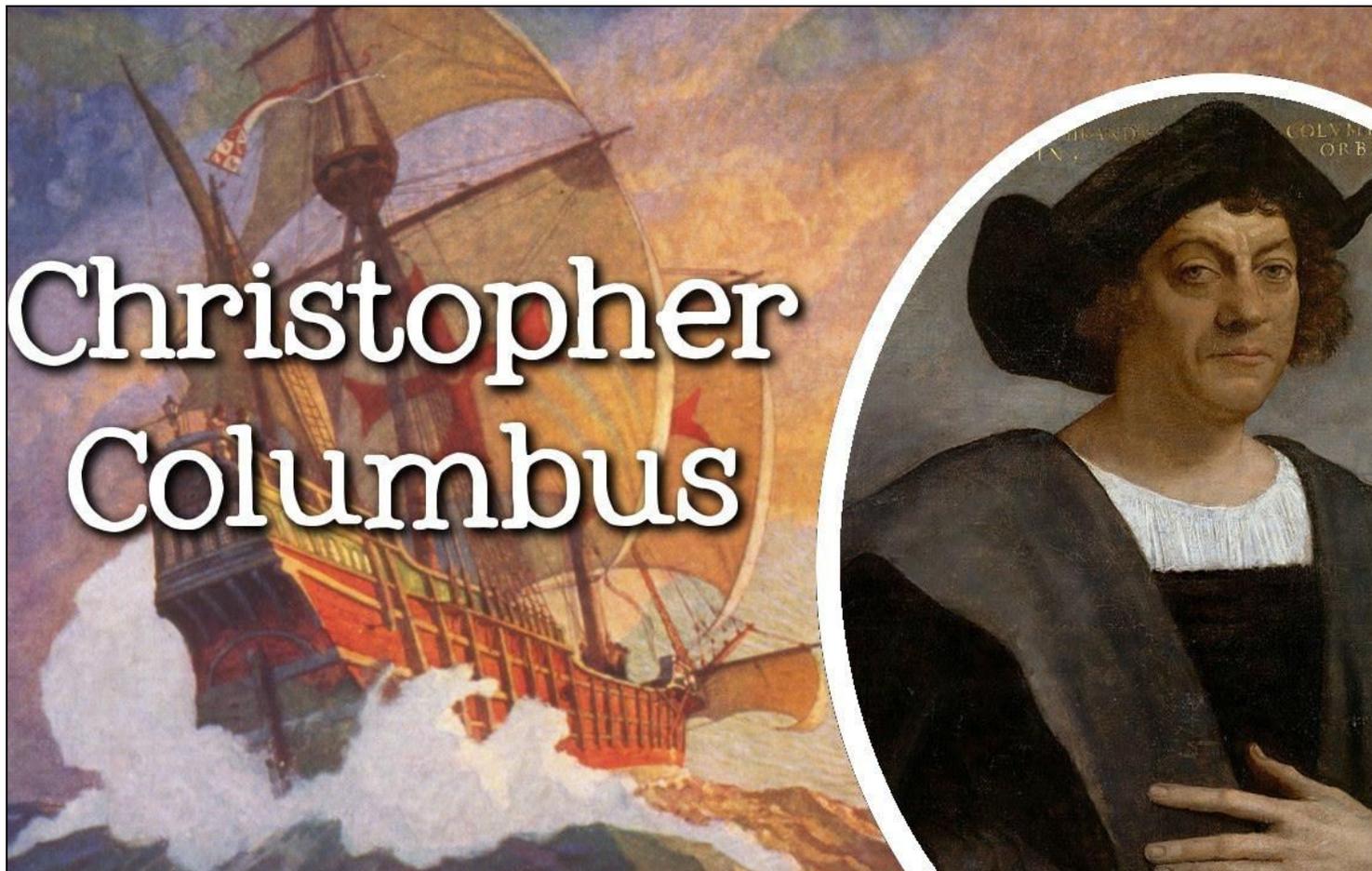

Christopher Columbus



After sailing 36 days a crew member finally caught sight of land. "LAND HO" the crew yelled. This was what it was like for Christopher Columbus as the Santa Maria, Pinta, and Niña sailed toward present day Bahamas archipelago. Where Columbus named it San Salvador. We will be looking back to see Columbus' early voyages, who sponsored his voyage to the New World, and expedition to the New World. We will think about did Columbus really discover the New World.



Early Voyages

Did you know that Christopher Columbus first went to sea as a teenager? On 1476 during the War of Castilian a french fleet attacked Columbus on his first voyage and he almost got killed. The french fleet burned his boat which force him to swim to Lisbon, Portugal Columbus participated in several voyages to the Mediterranean and Aegean sea. He once participated in a voyage to the greek island of Khios, Greece. Which is the closest he ever got to Asia. On 1476 during the War of Castile(war between Isabel and Joanna to see who will became queen of Castile. Isabel won.) and Christopher Columbus' first voyage he was attacked by A French warship since Joanna had help from the French King. The warship burned his ship which forced him to swim to Lisbon, Portugal.

Sponsors

Rejected by Portugal, Genoa, and Venice Columbus went to the Spanish king and queen Isabella of castile and Ferdinand of Aragon in the 1486. He was rejected but kept since the idea interested them. Their focus was on the outlaw muslims. Columbus had to wait.

After waiting 6 years Isabella and Ferdinand captured the last muslims. Finally invested the expedition that brought Columbus to America. On Jan 6, 1492 Columbus set sail aboard



the Santa Maria followed by the Nina and Pinta.

To the New World

After sailing 36 days a sailor caught sight of land. Together the Santa Maria, Nina, and Pinta sailed towards present day Bahamas. Where Columbus named it San Salvador in the name of Spain. There he met friend natives which traded with him. He traded glass beads, cotton balls, parrots , and spears after conquering a few more islands he returned to Spain on 1502.

Did you Know

Did you know that other than discovering the New World Columbus also enslaved millions of natives? So what do you consider him a hero or villain?

Think about it

Did Columbus really discover America?

History.com says Columbus didn't really discover America, there was millions of people already living there. And if you don't consider that Leif Erikson was actually the first explorer to arrive at North America. I found about Erikson on History.com

