

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.



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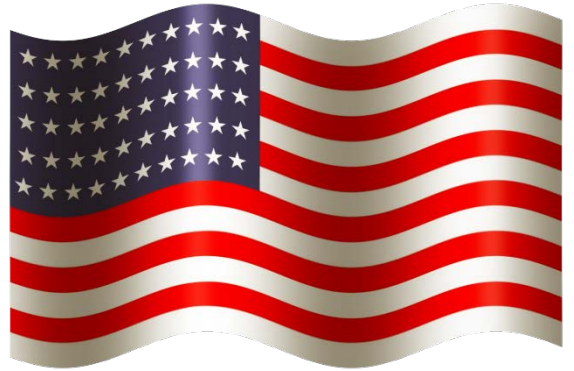
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Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Y1s/Y2e (Turquoise) – Text



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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Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Follow-Up Work

Who was Christopher Columbus?

What year was he born?

When do we celebrate Columbus Day?

What do you know about Christopher Columbus?

What was Christopher Columbus hoping to find?

What type of text is this?

How do you know?

Do you know of any other famous explorers?

What year did Christopher Columbus sail across the Atlantic ocean?

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

What did everyone believe?

What did Christopher Columbus believe?

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Vocab 1

Match the words to the correct definitions inside each box.

dream	an enjoyable activity or social gathering
explorer	finding something
discoveries	certain about something
believed	a person who explores a new or unfamiliar place
celebrate	accept that something is true without proof
convinced	demonstrate the truth of something with evidence
proved	a fantasy or daydream about something you are passionate about

Write the meanings of these words.

actually _____

believe _____

explore _____

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Vocab 2

Write a sentence for each of the words below.

explorer

proved

celebrate

famous

believed

renaissance

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – SPAG 1

Write these sentences using finger spaces between all of the words.

Christopher Columbus is a famous explorer.

People were building ships to sail to new lands.

His dream was to find a new route east.

Everyone believed the world was flat.

Christopher Columbus proved to everyone that the world was round.

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – SPAG 2

Put these words into alphabetical order.

explorers

dream

convinced

proved

Some of the words have disappeared!

Can you add the missing word to complete the sentence?

1. Christopher Columbus is a famous explorer who _____ that the world was round.

2. He was born in 1451 _____ Genoa in Italy.

3. Christopher Columbus sailed _____ the Atlantic Ocean.

proved

across

in

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Teacher Questions

Who was Christopher Columbus? **An explorer**

What year was he born? **1451**

When do we celebrate Columbus day? **In October**

What do you know about Christopher Columbus? **Personal response**

What was Christopher Columbus hoping to find? **A new route east by travelling west**

What type of text is this? **Information/non-fiction**

How do you know? **Set out in sections with facts and pictures**

Do you know of any other famous explorers? **Personal respons; could draw upon previous work on other people, such as Sir Francis Drake and Neil Armstrong.**

What year did Christopher Columbus sail across the Atlantic ocean? **1492**

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

Personal response; could draw upon previous work – he wanted to be rich.

What did everyone believe? **That the world was flat.**

What did Christopher Columbus believe? **That the world was round.**

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Write the meanings of these words.

actually – **the truth or facts of the situation**

believe – **hold an opinion**

explore – **to search and discover**

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – Vocab 2

Write a sentence for each of the words below.

Personal response; the following are examples only.

explorer

Christopher Columbus was an explorer.

proved

Christopher Columbus proved that the world was round not flat.

celebrate

We celebrate Columbus Day in October.

famous

Christopher Columbus is famous.

believed

Christopher Columbus believed that he could find new route east by travelling west.

renaissance

Christopher Columbus was born in the renaissance period.

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – SPAG 1

Write these sentences using finger spaces between all of the words.

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Christopher Columbus is a **famous explorer**.

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People **were building** ships to sail to new lands.

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His dream was to find a new route east.

Everyone believed the worldwas flat.

Everyone believed the **world was** flat.

Christopher Columbus provedto everyone that world was round.

Christopher Columbus **proved to** everyone that world was round.

Why is Christopher Columbus famous? – SPAG 2

Put these words into alphabetical order.

explorers convinced

dream dream

convinced explorers

proved proved

Some of the words have disappeared!

Can you add the missing word to complete the sentence?

1. Christopher Columbus is a famous explorer who **proved** that the world was round.
2. He was born in 1451 **in** Genoa in Italy.
3. Christopher Columbus sailed **across** the Atlantic Ocean.

proved

across

in