

## Ferdinand & Isabella

Let's summarize yesterday's read aloud about Giovanni. What did Giovanni want? What was his problem? What did Sophia want? So what happened to Giovanni?

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The people who lived in Europe, those living in Italy like Giovanni wanted to take a land route to the Indies, because they wanted to ride on the back of a mule on their journey. Why was it no longer possible to make a journey overland?





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The Europeans didn't want to have to pay extra money for the spices and cloth they could get for less money in the Indies and they wanted to make money selling these things. They made a plan to travel by sea to obtain treasures from eastern Asia.



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The Europeans wanted to travel from Italy, in a ship around Africa to get to the Indies in Asia. Let's look at a globe and see the route they planned to travel.





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*During this time period, some continents had not been discovered yet by the Europeans. People lived there, but the Europeans had never been there to know.*

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You are going to learn a song about the continent of Asia and its treasures.  
The song is sung to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."



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*Eastern Asia had a lot of gold and spice.*

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*But it was a distant land,*

*Miles and miles across the sand.*

*It was difficult to get the gold and spice.*



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Traveling by ship five hundred years ago was very difficult and very expensive. The richest people of the day were the kings and queens of Europe, so they were the ones who paid for the ships and the sailors to sail the ships. Today's read aloud is about a man named Christopher Columbus, who is trying to get money to sail a ship to the Indies. In today's read aloud, he visits the king and queen of Spain to ask for money.



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The title of today's read aloud is *Ferdinand & Isabella*. Who do you think Ferdinand and Isabella were?

Christopher Columbus planned to sail from Europe to Asia, but he had a different idea about how to get there. He did not plan to sail around the dangerous coast of Africa. Listen carefully to find out how Columbus intended to reach the gold and spices for the Indies.

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The image of Christopher Columbus used in the read alouds were created by various artists. They didn't have cameras to take photographs in these days. Artists would finish painting from memory.

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Now that the land route to Asia was closed, kings and queens from all over Europe began looking for the best sea route to the treasures of the East. They greedily sought to claim rare and expensive Asian spices for their own countries.





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The race was on! In every European port, young navigators or expert trip planners competed to lead adventures to Asia. An adventure is an exciting trip. Lots of navigators wanted to be picked to lead a ship on an exciting adventure to Asia.



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One of these navigators was an Italian man named Christopher Columbus. Like all the others, he was an experienced sailor. What made Columbus stand out from the others, or what made Columbus different from other sailors was that he did not plan on reaching Asia by sailing east around the coast of Africa. He had a very different idea.



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Christopher Columbus wanted to sail west, across the Atlantic Ocean, in order to reach the Indies. He visited several kings in different European countries, asking for their help. Laying out his map, he tried to convince them that his idea was a good one.





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*To convince someone of something means to cause someone to believe or accept something. Do you think Columbus had a good idea and will be able to convince kings it was a good idea?*



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For many years, Columbus tried unsuccessfully to get the support of European kings and queens. The king of Portugal refused him. This means he told him he wouldn't give him the money. The king of Italy refused him. The king of England refused him. Only the Spanish seemed interested in his plans to sail west across the Atlantic.



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But they turned him down too, because Spain was at war, and they had no time or money for Asian trade then. Columbus knew that he could not make the trip without their ships and money.





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Now, seven long years after Columbus first met with King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, he became hopeful that his long wait was over at last. As he rode down over the mountains, Columbus recalled his first visit to the great Spanish city. Spain had been at war then.



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Now the Spanish war was over, and the Spanish king and queen had won! Columbus hoped that the victorious or winning royal couple, newly rich with the treasures they had taken in war, would have the time, money, and attention to help him. At last, he thought, he might reach his goal or sailing west to the Indies.





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*So after seven years, why did Columbus decide now was a good time to come back to meet with the king and queen of Spain?*





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A Spanish army officer directed him to the large, fancy tents in which the king and queen were still living, for they had not even had time yet to move from their army camp into the palace. Still, they were hardly suffering.



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*Their tents contained thick, beautiful carpets and full sized beds. The royal couple sat upon thrones brought from their palace in northern Spain. They dined off plates made of silver, eating fine foods and drinking fine wine.*





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Their many servants were there to take care of them. Most important, with the war over, Ferdinand and Isabella were too happy and proud to complain much about anything. They smiled as Columbus bowed before them, and told him to rise to his feet.





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“And now, Christopher Columbus,” said the queen, “let us talk about your plan of sailing west to the Indies...”

Columbus's heart leaped within him. The queen and the king must have talked it over, and now they were ready to help him act out his long held plans.



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Columbus was going to search for the riches of the East by sailing west!

Which king and queen finally agreed to help Columbus sail west to reach the Indies in Asia?



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*He would be in charge of a whole fleet or group of ships!*





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Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Did the events you heard about today happen long ago or did it happen just a short time ago?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Most navigators wanted to sail from the continent of Europe around the continent of Africa to get to the Indies on the continent of Asia. Who can show me this route of sailing east using our globe?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Evaluative**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

What did Columbus think would be the best route for traveling to the Indies? Who can show me this route of sailing west using our globe? Do you think that was a good idea? Why or why not?



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Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

Why did Columbus go to visit Ferdinand and Isabella?

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Comprehension Questions:

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PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

After being refused by many kings, who finally agreed to give Columbus the money for his adventures?

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Comprehension Questions:

**Evaluative**

PLEASE answer in  
COMPLETE sentences.

How do you think Columbus felt when Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand finally agreed to his plan? Why?



# **Word Work**

*Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

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In the read aloud you heard, “Columbus hoped that the **victorious** royal couple...would have the time, money, and attention to help him.”

Say the word **victorious** with me.  
Whisper victorious to the ceiling.  
Whisper victorious to your neighbor.  
Let's clap it out.

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If you are **victorious**, you have won or succeeded at something.

When Joe scored the winning goal for his soccer team, he was **victorious**.



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*Tell me about a time you were **victorious**.  
Use the word **victorious** when you tell about  
it.*

*“I was victorious when...”*

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*What's the word we have been talking  
about?*

*Let's clap it out.*

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The opposite or antonym of victorious is defeated. Defeated describes having lost or failed at something. I am going to read some sentences to you. If you would feel victorious in the following situations, say, "I would feel victorious." If you would feel defeated, say, "I would feel defeated."



## *Ferdinand & Isabella*

*You were playing a game with your dad  
and you just beat him.*

## *Ferdinand & Isabella*

*You were playing a game with your  
older brother and he beat you.*

## *Ferdinand & Isabella*

*You were able to read a book all by  
yourself.*



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*Your team lost the soccer game.*

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*You just got an answer right.*