

Which king and queen, who at first refused to give Columbus the money to sail, finally agreed to help him?



Ferdinand and Isabella ruled in Spain.
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Told Columbus he should wait,
Then they said his plan was great.
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Remember yesterday, in our read aloud, Columbus and his crew completed their long journey across the ocean. That trip took longer than expected and Columbus and his crew were very relieved to finally reach land. They thought that they had landed in the Indies on the continent of Asia.



We're now going to sing the third verse of the song to review what we've learned in the last read aloud. Remember this song's tune is the same as If You're Happy and You Know It.

Chris and his crew sailed across the sea. Chris and his crew sailed across the sea. Nina, Pinta, and their ship, Santa Maria made the trip. Chris and his crew sailed across the sea.

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At the end of the last read aloud, Columbus and his crew had just landed.



Columbus was actually wrong about where he thought he landed. I am going to show you exactly where Columbus actually traveled and where he really landed. Remember that the continents that are covered up on the globe had not yet been discovered by Europeans, and so they did not know people had been living on these continents for thousands of years.



Columbus thought there was only ocean and no land to the west. Columbus didn't realize the two continents below the paper, North and South America, stood between his ships and Asia. Here is Spain. Here is the way Columbus traveled. Which continent did Columbus plan to go? What was in the way of him getting to Asia? Columbus had no idea these two continents were here!



If he stopped here, on the first land he saw, where did he really land? Because Columbus had never heard of the Americas, on which continent did he think he had landed? Let's look at the globe and see where Columbus thought he had landed, in the Indies. Columbus actually landed in San Salvador, an island in the Bahamas, near Florida and

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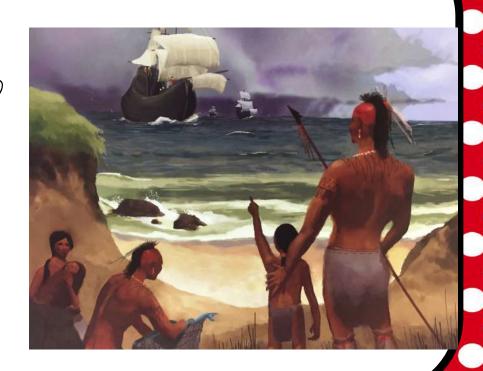


Columbus called the people he found living on the newly discovered land Indians. Listen carefully to find out why.

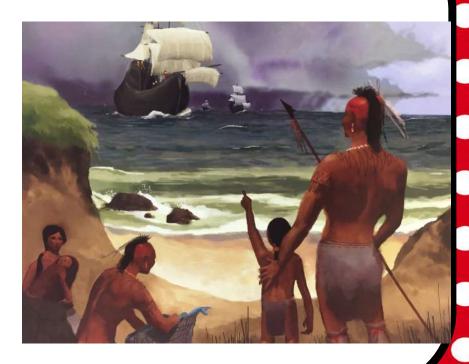


What do you see in this picture?

Christopher Columbus and his crew were proud and excited when they reached land. They thought they had crossed the mighty Atlantic Ocean and found Asia. They felt sure that now gold and rare spices from the Indies were within reach.

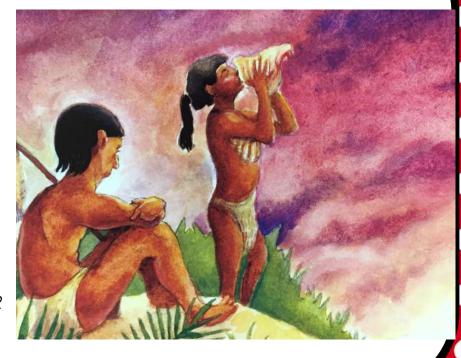


They thought that the king and queen would reward them for their courage, or bravery and for making Spain the most powerful nation in Europe. They told each other, "When we get back to Spain, we'll be rich." They had no idea that the people they would soon meet had never seen Europeans.

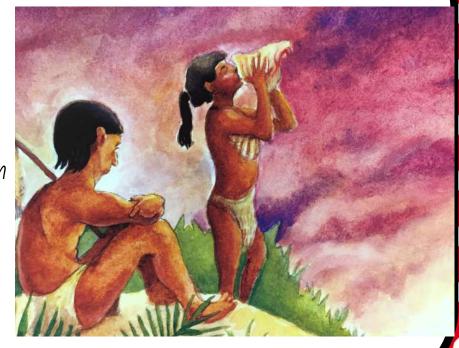


Columbus's men followed him onto the wooded island. An island is a body of land surrounded by water on all sides. The people of the island did not fit the descriptions of people in Asia, but Columbus was still convinced that they had reached their intended destination.

Declaring, "We made it to the Tables" has nearly of the Indies," he named the people of the island "Indians."

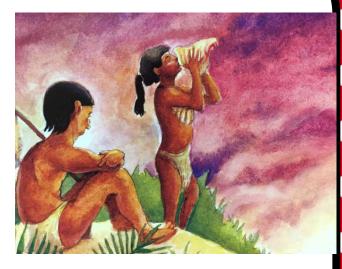


But things did not work out quite as Columbus and his men expected. The so-called Indians did not seem to have much gold beyond what they were wearing. The only gold Columbus saw was the jewelry worn by the native people. The people who have lived in a certain place for a long time are called native people.



Columbus gestured to them to try to learn where the gold came from. They pointed off in the distance toward other islands. So, after trading objects from their ships for the gold rings, Columbus and his men prepared to sail onward. The friendly natives helped them gather fresh fruit and clean water.

Just before leaving, Columbus gave the island a name: he called it San Salvador. Why do you think Columbus decided to leave the island?



Columbus took the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria farther west through the warm, blue-green waters. They found more islands, passing many and landing on a few. They lowered their sails once more off the coast of a larger island which Columbus named Hispaniola. There Columbus told his sailors, "We will continue to explore tomorrow. Right now, I am weary. I will rest in my cabin.
Wake me if there is anything I need to



But the sailors, too, were relaxed and sleepy in the warmth of the sun, and they fell asleep on deck.

A breeze came up, and the waves began to wash lazily against the side of the Santa Maria. Then the waves became stronger, and slowly they began to move the ship. What do you think will happen?



Still Columbus and his crew slept, until suddenly--crash! The Santa Maria struck the huge, sharp rocks off the coast of the island.

Columbus and his sailors awoke in a hurry! They rushed to look, but they were too late: they saw a large, gaping hole in the side of the Santa Maria.



Their ship was sinking! This means it was going farther down into the water because water water occourse water occourse water was coming the ship too heavy to stay afloat. All they could do was to signal the Pinta for help, gather everything together, and hope to move to the other ship.



Columbus's flagship, the Santa Maria, sank slowly into the calm, blue-green water that had seemed so safe and peaceful. As it did so, friendly people from the island came paddling out in canoes and generously helped move whatever could be saved from the ship onto the shore.



Columbus had lost one of his three ships. Which ship did Columbus lose? What were the names of the other two ships? Still, he felt he would return to a hero's welcome in Spain if he could just find gold. Finding more gold was even more important now. Ships were very expensive, and the king and gueen might be angry that the wrecked one.

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He noticed that the people who had been helping him wore more gold than the people on the other islands he had visited. When he asked them, using gestures and movements, they signed to Columbus that their gold came from the high, heavily forested mountains in the center of their island. They had to gesture to each other because they didn't speak the same language.



At last Columbus had found a source for gold. He would start a gold mine in the mountains of Hispaniola.



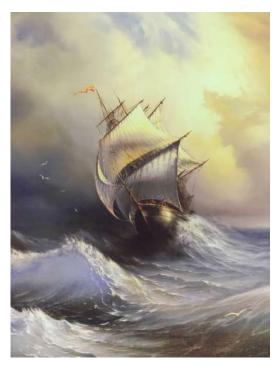
The natives and the Spanish sailors brought wood from the wrecked ship ashore and built a fort. Why do you think they are building a fort? Columbus chose some of his men to remain there while others returned with him to Spain aboard the Pinta and the Nina.



In preparation for their journey back to Spain, he traded objects from his ships for some of the natives' gold jewelry, and he put the gold jewelry into a chest to take back to Spain. Columbus and his sailors gathered unknown fruits and brightly colored tropical parrots to show to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.



The journey home was stormy, and more than once the men thought they would not get home alive. At last the storms ended, and the two ships reached Spain. The families of the sailors were overjoyed that their husbands and fathers had lived through the adventure. They danced in excitement when they saw the chest full of gold, telling one another, "We'll all be rich! We will all be great lords and ladies and live in palaces!"



After a long journey, the group reached the palace of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Columbus told them his story and gave them the treasures he had brought back to them. King Ferdinand, who had been so difficult to convince, now smiled and congratulated Columbus and his men. Queen Isabella, who had always been friendlier than King Ferdinand, laughed and smiled and applauded throughout Columbus's story.



And when he showed them the gold, the royal couple was thrilled. You have done all that you promised!" They said.

Naturally, when Columbus told them that he wished to go back and make more discoveries, King Ferdinand said, "Of course! You will return to Hispaniola as governor of the island. You will be in charge of all the western lands that you have discovered or found and claimed for us.



And this time, we will give you many ships to command, not just three. But first you must rest and spend time here as our guest."

Meanwhile, Columbus thought, "All I have worked for and dreamed of all these years has come true! I am a friend of the king and queen. I will be rich and important. I will be famous as the man who found another way to Asia."



How does Columbus feel now? Did he really find another way to Asia?



Comprehension Questions:

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PLease answer in complete sentences.

In what year did Christopher Columbus make his voyage? What were the names of Columbus's three ships?

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Which ship was Columbus on? What happened to the Santa Maria?

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What king and queen helped Columbus with his voyage? What country did they rule? How might the king and queen feel if they knew that one of the ships they bought for Columbus had sunk? What was Columbus determined to find as he explored several islands?

Comprehension Questions:

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Were there people living in the place where Columbus's ships landed? What did Columbus call the native people he met? Why? Where did he really land?

Comprehension Questions:

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What did Columbus bring back to show the king and queen?



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What did the king and queen do to reward Columbus for his offerings?





Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

In the read aloud you heard, "Columbus and his crew thought that the king and queen would reward them for their courage."

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

Courage means being brave when faced with danger or difficulty.

You show courage if you walk into a dark room even though you're afraid of the dark.

Tell me about a time when you showed courage.

Use the word courage when you tell about it.

What's the word we have been talking about?

Let's clap it out.

I am going to read some examples of things that may or may not require courage. If the phrase I read to you is an example of courage, please put your thumbs up.

Using words to ask a big kid to stop teasing you.

Telling your mom that you broke her favorite necklace.

Coloring in a coloring book.

Playing a familiar game with your best friend.

Walking past the yard of a dog that scares you.



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