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Who discovered the Americas?

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. He was a sailor and also learned to make maps.

He believed he could reach the Indies by a different route than the one taken by sailors at the time. He asked for money for the trip from the Catholic Monarchs of Spain, King Ferdinand and Isabella.

He left with three ships: the Pinta, Niña and Santa Maria. After 36 days of sailing, Columbus and several crewmen landed on the island we call the Bahamas, claiming it for Spain. There he found people who did not speak the same language, wore different clothes and had different customs.

Columbus would make three more voyages to the Americas bringing back to Spain new products like corn and potatoes. He also brought new foods and animals to Americas from Europe including onions, wheat and horses.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Christopher Columbus born?
 - a. Genoa
 - b. Georgia
 - c. Milan
 - d. None of the above
2. What did Christopher Columbus discover?
 - a. the Indies
 - b. China
 - c. Italy
 - d. Americas

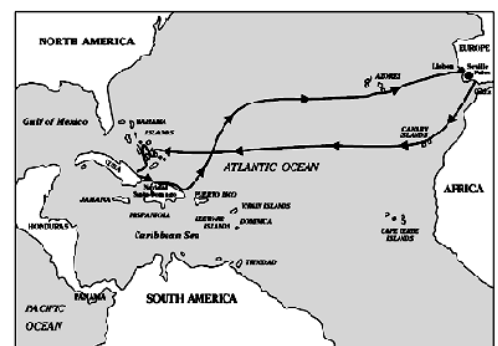
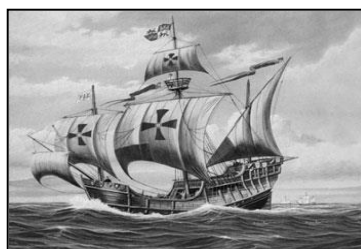


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3. Columbus asked for money from the _____ for his trip.
 - a. Emperor of China
 - b. Catholic Monarchs of Spain
 - c. Pharaoh of Egypt
 - d. Roman Emperor



4. What American products did Columbus bring to Spain?
 - a. onion and wheat
 - b. rice and barley
 - c. corn and potatoes
 - d. coffee and soy



Columbus's First Voyage, 1492-93