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Who financed the voyage of Christopher Columbus?

Queen Isabella I was born in Madrigal de las Altas Torres, Spain. She married Ferdinand of Aragon, and a short while later assumed the position of Queen of Spain.

She is known as "Isabella the Catholic," because one of her main goals was the spread of Catholicism. She achieved the unification of Spain and formed a standing army.

During her reign, America was discovered, thanks to the money she gave to Christopher Columbus for his explorations. This discovery brought great wealth to Spain. Spain soon became an international power.

She was a very influential leader in an age when women had no power. She gave the same education to both her sons and daughters. Isabella was the first woman to appear on a coin of the United States, which celebrated the completion of 400 years since the discovery of America.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Queen Isabella I born?

- a. Spain
- b. Portugal
- c. Aragon
- d. None of the above



2. How was Queen Isabella I called?

- a. Isabella the Jew
- b. Isabella the Just
- c. Isabella the Catholic
- d. None of the above



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3. What was discovered during Isabella's reign?

- a. Portugal
- b. America
- c. Asia
- d. Castille



4. Isabel I was the first woman to appear on the coin of _____.

- a. the United States
- b. Spain
- c. Portugal
- d. the United Kingdom

