

History Year 2

Christopher Columbus

Pupils will be taught about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements (NC)



Key Facts

- Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Italy.
- At this time, many people were building new ships to explore different parts of the world.
- Christopher Columbus lived at a time when people in Europe did not know that the continents of North or South America existed.
- He learnt to sail and to find the way at sea by using the stars and the sun.
- He had a dream to travel west and go to China.
- The King and Queen of Spain gave him money to buy ships. He set sail on 3rd August 1492 with three ships: The Nina, The Pinta and The Santa Maria.

- After 36 days, a sailor spotted an island. It was in the Bahamas.
- Columbus sailed onto Cuba and discovered new lands. They called it 'The New World'.
- Columbus made four voyages to the 'New World'.
- He died in 1506.
- It is now believed that Vikings had landed in America 500 years before Columbus!



Geography Key Facts:

- Earth has seven continents.
- Earth has five oceans.



Neil Armstrong: Christopher Columbus

Compare the lives of these two famous **explorers**.

How were their lives similar?

How were their lives different?



Chronology of Key Events



Historical Skills



- Ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago?
- Place events and artefacts in order on a time line.
- Use dates where appropriate.
- Recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.
- Describe significant people from the past.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to name and locate the world's continents and oceans.

Key Vocabulary



- Italian
- Spain
- Navigate
- Journey
- Caribbean
- Ship
- Explorer
- Atlantic Ocean
- New World
- Voyage

Significant People



- Christopher Columbus
- Native peoples
- King Ferdinand of Spain
- Queen Isabella of Spain
- Bartholomew Columbus
- Diego Columbus

When in History?

