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Christopher Columbus' life

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His famous adventures

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They did not know where they would land.

He discovered new lands, they called it 'The New World'.

They arrived in America in 1492, but Christopher Columbus did not discover America, the Vikings did.

He started regular contact with America and brought over new foods.

He had to leave his damaged ship there with 40 men on board.

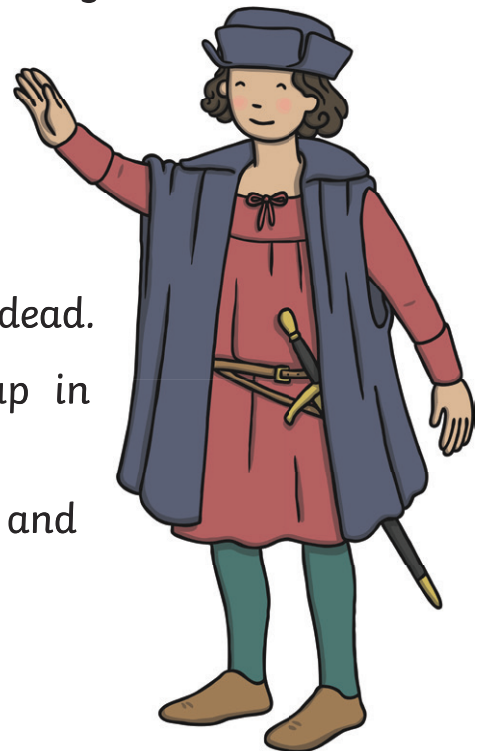
When he came back for them, they were dead.

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He was very ill when he got home and died in 1506.

Interesting facts!

- His first trip at sea was when he was 13 years old.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.



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Christopher Columbus' life

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His famous adventures

He set sail from Europe on 3rd August, 1492, along with his sailors. They did not know where they would land.

The journey took them a really long time. He sailed to Cuba and discovered new lands. They called it 'The New World'.

They arrived in America in 1492. Christopher Columbus did not discover America, as the Vikings from Europe had already landed in America 500 years before, but he did not know this. He started regular contact between Europe and America though and introduced tomatoes and potatoes into Europe.

On Christmas night in 1492, one of his ships was damaged and he had to leave it there with 40 men on board. When he came back for them, they were dead. He sailed again in 1502 and ended up in Central America. He was very ill when he got home and died in 1506, in Spain.

Interesting facts!

- His first trip at sea was when he was 13 years old.
- Christopher Columbus sailed to America four times.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.



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His famous adventures

He set sail from Europe, across the Atlantic Ocean, on 3rd August, 1492, along with his sailors. They did not know where they would land, it was a voyage into the unknown. They set sail with three ships: Santa Maria, Niña and Pinta. The journey took them longer than expected and they were running out of food and water. After 36 days, one man spotted land – it was in the Bahamas. He sailed

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- Christopher Columbus' first trip at sea was when he was 13 years old.
- Christopher Columbus completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean.
- Christopher Columbus had a wife and two children.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.
- The sailors had to sleep on the deck of the ships.

already landed in America 500 years before, but he did not know this. He did start regular contact between Europe and America though. Christopher Columbus also brought back tomatoes and potatoes from America. Before he had been there, no one in Europe had ever tried them! On Christmas night in 1492, one of his ships hit a reef and it was damaged. He had to leave it there with 40 men on board. When he came back for them, they were dead. He sailed again in 1502 and ended up in Central America. His ships had holes in them so he had to wait a year to sail home. He was very ill when he got home and died on 20th May, 1506, in Spain.

