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# Discover America

Course 1 - Teacher Guide



**COURSE 1: EARLY AMERICA**

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## Key Themes

- Adventure
- Bravery
- Discovery

## Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

# Learning Objectives

**Students will be able to:**

- Tell who Christopher Columbus was and what he is known for discovering.
- Name the country who sponsored Columbus' voyages to the New World.



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# Key Terms

- 01 **Christopher Columbus** - a European explorer who discovered America.
- 02 **discover** - to search and find something or someone unexpectedly.
- 03 **explorer** - a person who explores an unfamiliar area.
- 04 **voyage** - a long journey.

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# Introduction

## ASK Students

What is an explorer?  
What kinds of things do explorers find?

(allow students to respond)

## TELL Students

Over 500 years ago, a man named Christopher Columbus went out exploring the oceans. His goal was to find the continent of Asia. Before he could explore, he had to gather a team that would help him on his journey.

## WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:  
*Christopher Columbus*



Scan Me!

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# Lesson Guide

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## **TELL** Students

Christopher Columbus was eager to start his journey to Asia. Before he could explore, he needed a wealthy King and Queen to pay for his trip. He asked many countries for help but they said no. Finally, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain agreed to support Columbus and his three ships: The Niña, the Pinta and the Santa Maria.

Columbus went on four voyages. A voyage is a long journey. Instead of landing on the continent of Asia like he originally planned, Columbus discovered America! During his first voyage, he explored the New World that he discovered. He found new people and new types of food in the New World. He eventually had to return home, but he planned to go back and learn more. When he went home, he shared what he discovered. He was able to get more support for three more voyages.

## **REFLECTIONS**

How important was community to Columbus while he was exploring?

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# Flash Cards



**EXPLORER**

a person who  
explores an unfamiliar  
area

**CHRISTOPHER  
COLUMBUS**

a European  
explorer who  
discovered  
America

**VOYAGE**

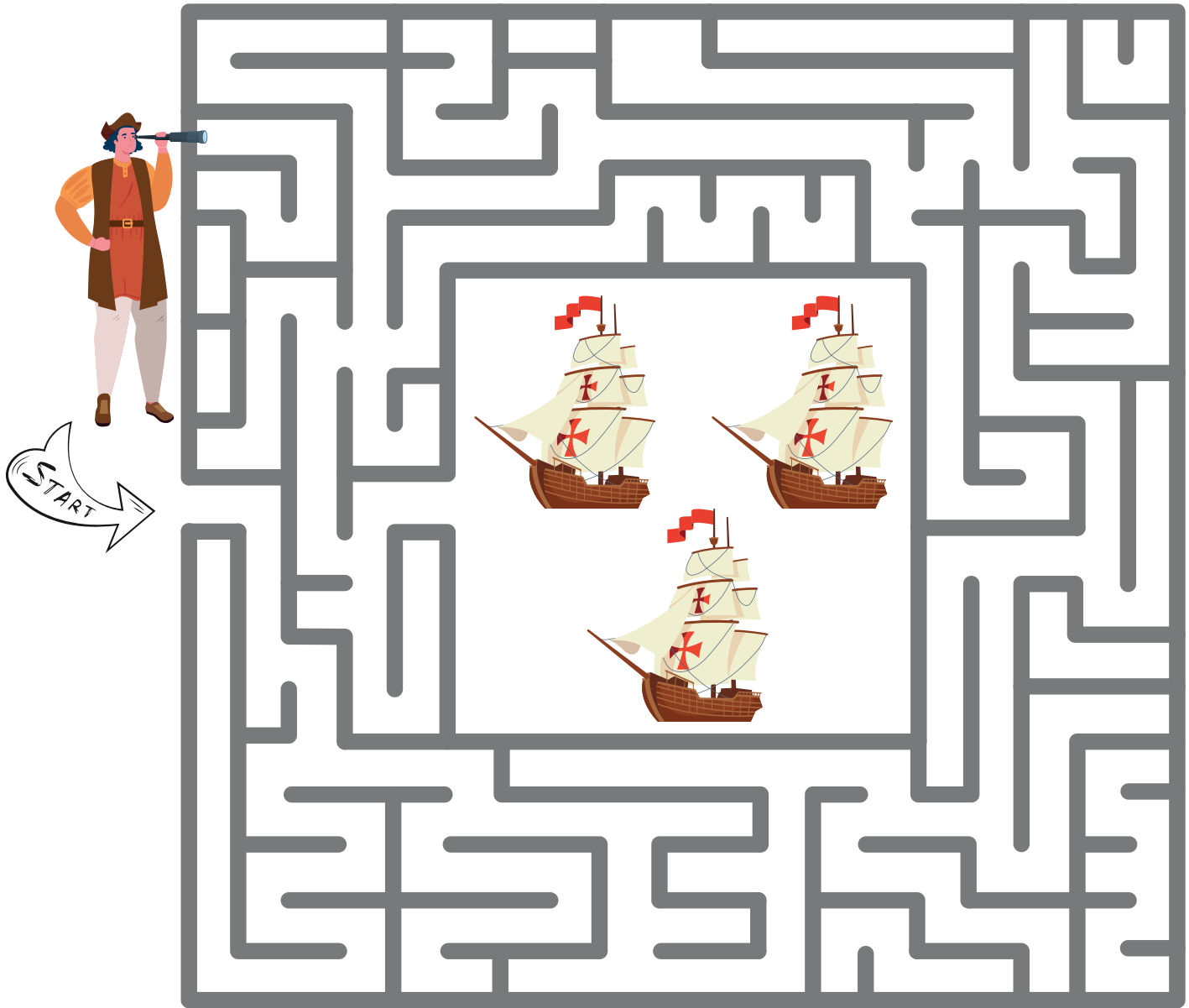
a long journey

**DISCOVER**

to search and find  
something or  
someone  
unexpectedly



# Christopher Columbus Early America



**Directions:** Make your way through the maze to help Columbus locate his ships.

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