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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:

- Explain who supported Columbus as he journeyed to the New World.
- Tell something that happened during Christopher Columbus's first voyage.



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Key Terms

- 01 **Christopher Columbus** - a European explorer who discovered America.
- 02 **discovery** - gaining knowledge about something that was previously unknown.
- 03 **native** - related to the place where someone or something came from.
- 04 **voyage** - a long journey.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Imagine you want to go on a trip.
What do you need for your trip?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

Before Christopher Columbus could explore, he needed someone to pay for necessary resources. The King and Queen of Spain agreed to help pay for his voyage.

Let's take a look at his very first trip to the New World.

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:
Christopher Columbus



Scan Me!

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Lesson Guide

Christopher Columbus: His First Voyage

TELL Students

Christopher Columbus went on four voyages to the New World. His first voyage landed in the Caribbean Islands. This is south of the United States as we know it today. This journey was largely one of discovery, a never before seen part of the globe, and native people who had never encountered Europeans before. On this trip, Columbus was given the title, "Governor of the New World" by the Queen and King of Spain.

Columbus encountered two groups of native people in the Caribbean Islands. The first group is called the Taino, a kind and gentle group. Columbus called this group "the best people in the world." The second group is called the Caribs, a dangerous tribe on the island. They were known to attack the Taino. Columbus, a Godly man, befriended the Taino tribe before heading back to Spain.

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Christopher Columbus: His First Voyage

TELL Students

To understand more about Columbus, you must know he lived a life serving God and his Christian faith. Columbus quoted Psalms 65:5 as his inspiration:

the God who is *“The hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea.”*

Not only did Columbus befriend the Taino tribe, but in his later voyages he also tried to help them live equally successful lives along with the European settlers. He tried to bring hope through his faith in God to the people in the New World.

REFLECTIONS

How did Columbus' faith help him while he was in the New World facing the native people there?

WATCH

Supplemental Learn More With Liberty Course Videos:

Columbus & His Crew Arrive

Columbus Plans & Navigates

Columbus Asks For Help

Why Faith Matters: Christopher Columbus



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Flash Cards



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DISCOVERY

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Christopher Columbus

Biography

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer with information that you have learned.

My name is:

I was born on:

Here is a picture of me:

Two facts about me:

- 1.
- 2.

I'm remembered for:

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Assessment

1. How many voyages did Columbus take to the New World?

- a. 1
- b. 4
- c. 2
- d. 6

2. People lived in America before Columbus arrived.

- a. True
- c. False

3. Columbus befriended what tribe in the Caribbean islands?

- a. Carib
- b. Taino

4. Where did Columbus land on his first voyage?

- a. America
- b. Caribbean Islands
- c. Great Britain
- d. Mexico

5. Who helped Columbus pay for his voyage to the New World?

- a. King George and Queen Elizabeth
- b. King Henry and Queen Catherine
- c. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
- d. King Carlisle and Queen Arabella

6. Columbus only came to the Americas one time.

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