

4th Grade

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:

- Analyze Columbus's fourth journey to the New World.
- List characteristics that describe Christopher Columbus.
- Define native.



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Key Terms

- 01 **Christopher Columbus** - a European explorer who discovered America.
- 02 **mandated** - required.
- 03 **morality** - honest and excellent behavior.
- 04 **native** - related to the place where someone or something came from.
- 05 **unintentional** - not on purpose.
- 06 **voyage** - a long journey.

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Introduction

ASK Students

How many tries do you give something before you give up?
Two? Three? Ten?

What is something that makes you try harder or encourages you not to give up?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

Christopher Columbus tried to sail from Europe to Asia going west. He did not land in India like he originally hoped to, but instead he discovered what we know as America today. Even though it was not his main goal, he traveled back to America four different times in hopes that the Spanish would be able to settle there. He faced many challenges throughout his four voyages. Let's read more about his final trip to the New World.

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:

Christopher Columbus



Scan Me!

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Christopher Columbus: The Final Voyage

TELL Students

Christopher Columbus was determined to reach Asia and set off again at sea. His fourth voyage ended when his ship wrecked off of the island of Jamaica, where he lived for a year, before returning to Spain. It was not long after his return to Spain that his health failed and he died two years later.

Columbus was a man known for his adventurous attitude and Christian morality. He lived by the Bible and always made fair trades with the native people. The natives had a lot of gold. But they did not place a formal value on it. They traded gold to the settlers who valued it like money. Columbus made sure the settlers always traded with something of value in return.

We often hear about the native people's battle for their land from the Europeans, who came in and took it away. It is worth noting that Columbus only allowed fair trades for land and mandated that trading be enforced, no stealing allowed! Also worth noting, the main cause of death was not due to battles against one another, but death was largely caused by the unintentional spread of diseases and germs for the natives and the settlers alike. They did not have the medicines or cleaning supplies we have today.

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Christopher Columbus: The Final Voyage

TELL Students

Although Columbus' fourth voyage to the New World did not result in Spanish settlement, it still gave us valuable information about places in the Western Hemisphere. All of his trips resulted in various discoveries about North America that ultimately led to the founding of the United States and other countries. Columbus paved the way for other settlers from other countries to come and explore America. Without his exploration, our great nation would not be what it is today.

REFLECTIONS

Columbus spent many years attempting to achieve his dream of discovering new lands. What dreams do you hope to achieve?

WATCH

Supplemental Learn More With Liberty Course Videos:

An Explorer's Life

Viking Culture & European Lifestyles

The Viking: Leif Erikson

Why Life Matters: The Early Explorers



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Flash Cards



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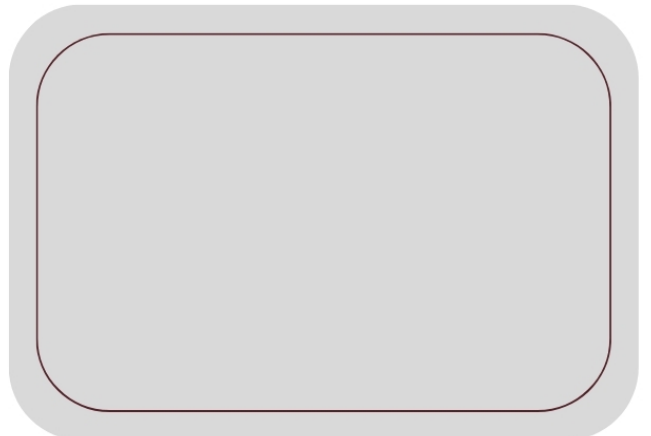
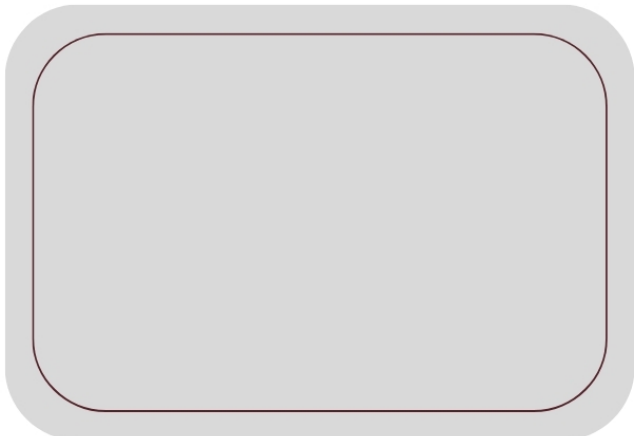
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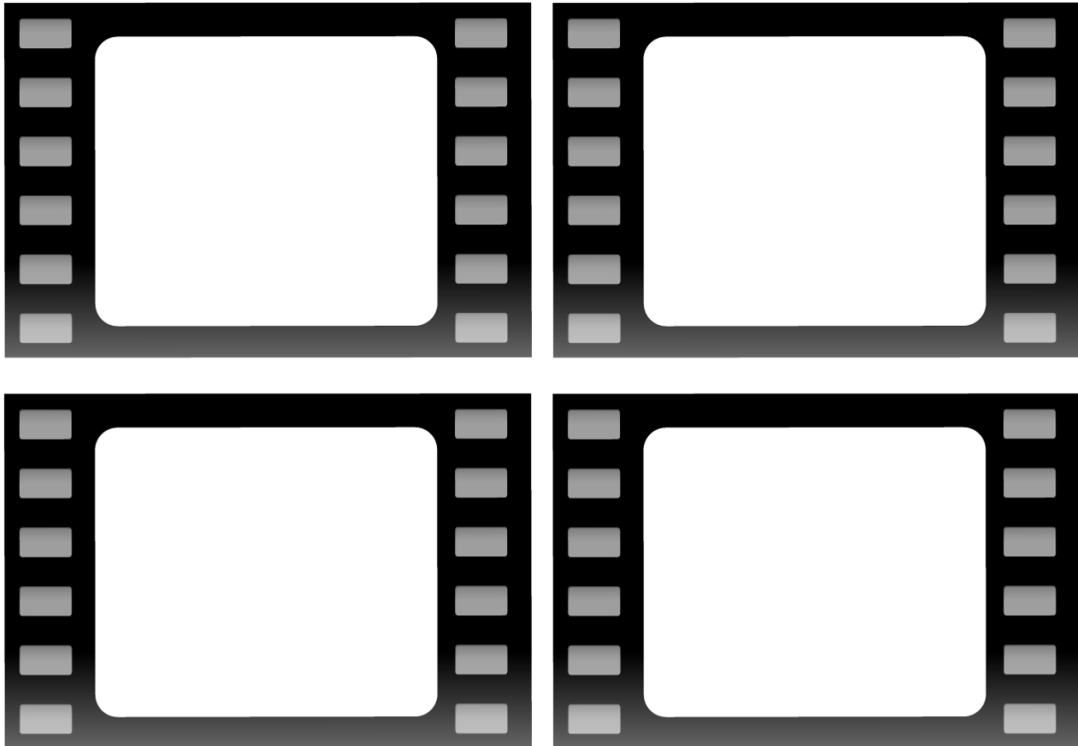
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Show What You Know!

DRAW four pictures and **WRITE** four sentences
about the explorer Christopher Columbus.



01

02

03

04

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1. Christopher Columbus's fourth journey ended in a shipwreck off the island of:

- a. America
- b. Asia
- c. Jamaica
- d. Mexico

2. Christopher Columbus returned to Spain a year after his final voyage and died:

- a. A year later
- b. Two years later
- c. Two months later
- d. A month later

3. Death among settlers and native people were primarily a result of:

- a. Battles
- b. Food poisoning
- c. Diseases
- d. None of the above

4. Where did Columbus intend to land on his first voyage?

- a. America
- b. Asia
- c. Great Britain
- d. Mexico

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