

Kindergarten

Discover America

Course 1 - Teacher Guide



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Key Themes

- Adventure
- Bravery
- Discovery

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Define explorer.
- Tell what Christopher Columbus is known for discovering.



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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.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Have you ever gone exploring?
Share a time when you explored a new place or thing.

What did you see, hear, and feel as you explored?
(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

An explorer is a person who explores an unfamiliar area. One famous explorer whose name you may have heard before is Christopher Columbus. As you read on, you will learn what Christopher Columbus is known for discovering. It's closer than you might think!

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:
Christopher Columbus



Scan Me!

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Lesson Guide

TELL Students

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." For over five hundred years we have been talking about an explorer named Christopher Columbus. He is the man known for discovering America. Columbus was not actually looking for America when he discovered it. He was trying to find a way to get from Europe to Asia.

During the time Columbus was exploring, there were not updated maps of the entire world like we have today. He was not able to use the internet to tell him where to go and help him find exactly what he was looking for. In fact, explorers were the people who often discovered new places and created the maps we rely on to know where to go when we travel.

Even though he did not find exactly what he was looking for, his discovery was still very important. Thanks to Christopher Columbus, who dared to explore new places, we know more about the country we live in today: America!

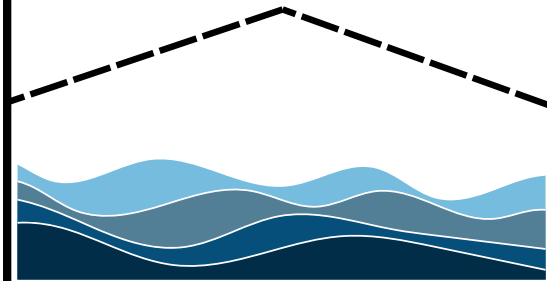
REFLECTIONS

What emotions or feelings do you think Columbus experienced when he explored a new place?

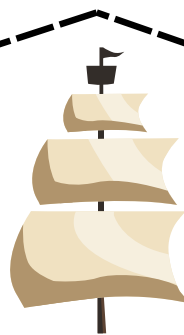
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Cut & Match

sea



sail



see



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TRACING PRACTICE

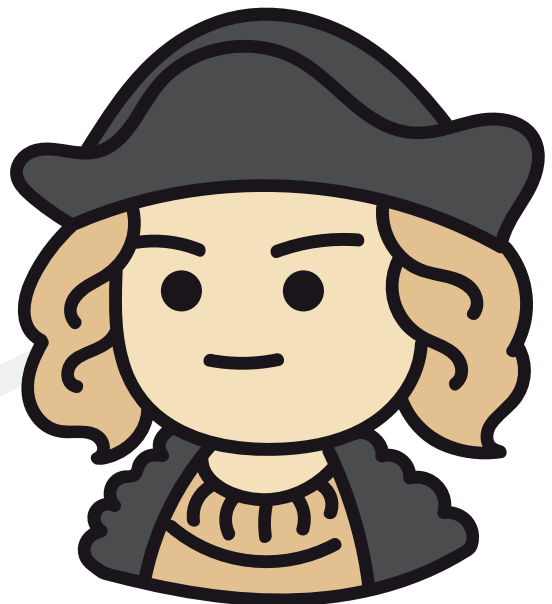
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