

Web Hunt: Christopher Columbus

As you travel on your journey, use this page to log the information you find.

1. What was Columbus's goal that convinced King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to pay for his journey?

Next Step

How would you convince someone to pay for your great journey? Give three good reasons.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Make a list of some of the things necessary in order to spend over two months at sea.

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2. How many tons did Columbus's biggest boat, the Santa María weigh?

If one class equals roughly one ton, how many classes equal the ship's weight?

Next Step

If you sailed around the world, what characteristics would you want your boat to have?

3. What does the term "indigenous peoples" mean?

4. Three foods originally from the Old World or Europe that I've eaten:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three foods originally from the New World or the Americas that I've eaten:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Next Step

If you were going on a journey like Columbus's, what are three goods you would bring with you to trade? Explain why you chose these items.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. Why did a common illness like the flu (also called influenza) prove deadly to so many Native Americans?

6. Think of something you see every day — like a toothbrush, sandwich, or pencil. Now write a description of that object for someone who has never seen or heard of such a thing before.

7. Print out the Venn diagram from the Web quest or draw your own. Use it to compare and contrast the two paintings of Columbus meeting the Native Americans.