Christopher Columbus Fact Hunt Answer Key

1. Where and when was Christopher Columbus born? **Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451.**

2. Who sponsored Columbus's voyage? King **Ferdinand** and Queen **Isabella** of **Spain**.

3. What was Columbus trying to find? **He was trying to find a shorter way to reach the East Indies (China, Japan, and India).**

4. When did Columbus set sail on his first voyage? **August 3, 1492**

5. Columbus had **three** ships.

6. What were the ships' names? **The Niña, the Pinta, the Santa María**

7. When did he reach land? **October 12, 1492**

8. Where did Columbus land? **Columbus landed on an island in the Bahamas, which he named San Salvador.**

9. Where did he think he landed? **In the East Indies**

10. Were there people living on the island? Who were they? **Yes, the Taíno people lived on the island.**

11. How many voyages did Columbus make to the New World? **Four**

12. When did Columbus die? **May 20, 1506**