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Columbus (Questions—pages 1 and 2)

1. Columbus first landed on San Salvador in 1492. It is now 2015. How many years ago did Columbus 'discover' the New World?



2. The first section of the reading tells why Columbus' voyage and discovery was important. Why was it?
3. Other people from Europe explored and settled America. What was special about Columbus?
4. What was the Renaissance?

What sorts of things were people doing during the Renaissance?

5. In what country was Columbus born?
6. What type of ships were used in Columbus' time?

How did sailors navigate (find their way) back then?

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7. Why did people in Europe want to find a sea route to China?
8. The Portuguese found a way to reach the east by sailing around Africa. What was the matter with using that sea route?
9. How did Columbus hope to reach China?

How long did he think it would take him?

What made him think this?

10. Who gave Columbus the money he needed for his voyage?

Where were they from?

Why did they give the money?

11. How many men did Columbus take with him?

How many ships did he have?

12. The text says that the men had to work pumps to keep the ships afloat. Why?