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Columbus (Questions, pages 3 and 4)

1. Columbus hoped to reach China in less than 2 weeks.
Why did the voyage take so much longer than Columbus expected? (You can find the answer on page 2.)



2. Why did Columbus call the people who lived on the island where he landed Indians?
3. The Bahamas and the other islands near where Columbus landed are sometimes called the "West Indies." How do you think they got that name?
4. Columbus gave the native people gifts. What else did he do that was not at all as nice?
5. What happened to Columbus on his third trip to America? Why?
6. What happened to the native people when colonists from Europe began to settle in their land?

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7. How many trips did Columbus make to America? _____

What happened on his final trip?

8. What did the Europeans bring back to Europe from the New World?

9. Was the arrival of the Europeans good for the native peoples? _____

Explain.

10. After whom was America named?

Why wasn't the New World named after Columbus?

11. Who are today's explorers?

12. What kinds of things do people discover today?