



## Christopher Columbus Study Guide

1. Christopher Columbus was from **Italy**, but he explored for **Spain**.
2. He wanted to find a shorter and less expensive route to the Indies by sailing **west**.
3. Most people thought Columbus was going to fail because **the world was too big and the voyage was too long**.
4. His three ships were called the **Nina**, the **Pinta** , and the **Santa Maria**.
5. Columbus landed in **America**, but thought he was in the **Indies**.
6. The native people Columbus and his crew met were called the **Taino** people.
7. He and his crew became the second group of **Europeans** (after the Vikings ) to land in the Americas.
8. Columbus led **4** expeditions to America.
9. After his first expedition, Columbus went back to “The Indies” (America) so he could:
  - A. Start a **colony**.
  - B. Look for more **gold/riches**.

C. Bring more people and **animals** to the New World.

10. These expeditions started the Columbian Exchange, which was the movement of **people, animals, plants, diseases** and ways of life between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

11. Columbus's expeditions paved the way for many other **European Explorers** .

12. Christopher Columbus was an important person in American history because:

- A. His expeditions started the **Columbian Exchange**.
- B. He connected the **Eastern** Hemisphere and the **Western** Hemisphere.
- C. His expeditions inspired many other **explorers** to explore and start colonies in **America**.

13. Vocabulary Words:

- **expedition - a journey made for a special purpose**
- **colony - a settlement far from the country that rules it**