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#### **Christopher Columbus**

In the late 1400's, millions of American Indians lived in North and South America. However, most Europeans living across the Atlantic Ocean did not even know that the Americas existed. Due to the efforts of Christopher Columbus, they soon would find out about a whole "New World." Columbus made a daring voyage that changed history. In time, it resulted in important exchanges between the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

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Use the "Search" tool to find the answers to the questions below. Since this activity is about Christopher Columbus, start by searching the key words "Christopher Columbus." Write the answers below the questions.

- 1. How did Christopher Columbus achieve fame? (Circle one.)
  - a. By sailing all the way around the world
  - b. By inventing many new tools for navigation
  - c. By sailing across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe
  - d. By writing a play about Queen Isabella of Spain
- 2. Was Columbus the first European to reach the Western Hemisphere?
- 3. In the 1400's, why were Europeans seeking a sea route to Asia, instead of using a land route?
- 4. Where was Christopher Columbus born?
- True or false? When Christopher Columbus was a young man, his father pushed him to work on fishing boats.

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