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**Christopher Columbus**



Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. While spending most of his early years at sea, Columbus began to believe that he could find a shortcut to the Indies by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean. Unfortunately, the King of Portugal refused to finance such a trip, and Columbus was forced to present his idea to the King and Queen of Spain. In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella agreed to pay for his trip. They gave him a crew and three ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Columbus sailed aboard the Santa Maria. The trip was long and hard. Many sailors grew restless and wanted to turn around. After two months at sea, land was finally sighted. The ships docked on the island of Hispaniola. Columbus named the native people he saw "Indians", because he believed he had found the shortcut he was looking for. In actuality, Columbus found North America, a brand new continent at that time. Columbus, however, couldn't be convinced. He died with the belief he had found the shortcut to the Indies. Soon, however, other explorers and nations understood the importance of his discoveries. Columbus' discoveries set the stage for the Age of Exploration: one of the most fascinating and exciting times in world history.

1. Where was Christopher Columbus born?
- A. The New World  
B. Portugal  
C. Spain  
D. Italy
2. Columbus believed he could find a shortcut to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. The New World  
B. Portugal  
C. The Indies  
D. Italy
3. The King of \_\_\_\_\_ refused to finance (provide money) for Christopher's trip.
- A. The New World  
B. Portugal  
C. Spain  
D. Italy
4. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, Christopher Columbus set sail.
- A. 1451  
B. 1492

5. Which is not True?
- A. Columbus was born in Italy  
B. Columbus received three ships and a crew from the King and Queen of Spain  
C. Columbus found a shortcut to the Indies  
D. The journey across the Atlantic took two months
6. What did Columbus names the native people he saw?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Americans  
B. Indians  
C. Spaniards  
D. New Landers
7. Which of the following was NOT one of his ships?
- A. Nina  
B. Pinta  
C. Isabella  
D. Santa Maria
8. Why was Christopher Columbus very important?
- A. He believed he found a shortcut to the Indies  
B. He first used the word "Indians"  
C. He discovered a whole new continent  
D. He was one of the bravest explorers of all time

**The American Revolution**

The first battle of the American Revolution occurred at Lexington, Massachusetts in 1775. The American colonists were angry about numerous taxes issued by the British king. In 1776, the colonists issued the Declaration of Independence, a document written by Thomas Jefferson that outlined America's intention to become a new country separated from England. England wanted to maintain control of America, and vowed to fight the colonists. The war lasted eight long years. The Americans won many important battles such as those at Saratoga and Yorktown. Many American heroes emerged such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. Finally, in 1781, the British surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia and a new nation was born two years later.

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15. Which of the following IS NOT true?

9. Why did the Revolution occur?

- A. Colonists were angry about their poor living conditions
- B. England attacked the colonies
- C. Colonists were angry about having to pay so many taxes
- D. Colonists wanted to have more land

10. Which of the following was NOT true about the Declaration of Independence?

- A. It said that colonists wanted their own country
- B. It said that England wanted a separate country
- C. It said the colonists wanted to be separate from England
- D. It was written by Thomas Jefferson

11. Which of the following was NOT an important battle won by the colonists?

- A. Yorktown
- B. Saratoga
- C. Washington

12. Which of the following WAS NOT a hero that emerged from the Revolutionary War?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. George Washington
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. Abraham Lincoln

7.) What happened first?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The start of the Revolutionary War
- C. 1783
- D. Many taxes were issued against the Colonists

13. What happened last?

- A. The Battle of Lexington
- B. The Declaration of Independence
- C. Many taxes were issued against the colonists
- D. The Americans won important battles at Saratoga and Yorktown

14. Which of the following IS NOT true?

- A. The British surrendered at Saratoga in 1783
- B. The British vowed to fight the colonists
- C. The colonists won important battles at Yorktown and Saratoga
- D. In 1783, a new nation was born.

- A. The British were defeated in the war against the colonists.
- B. The first battle of the Revolution was fought before the signing of the Declaration of Independence
- C. The first battle occurred at Lexington in 1776
- D. The Declaration of Independence was written before 1783.