



Voyage of 1492 Worksheet

Explorer's name: _____

Date: _____

1 Fill in the blank

Word bank: Spain October 12 Asia Taíno compass

- Columbus sailed from _____ on August 3, 1492.
- His crew spotted land on _____, 1492.
- Columbus was trying to reach _____ by sailing west.
- On the first island, Columbus met the _____ people.
- Sailors used a _____ and the stars to find their way.

2 True or false? Circle T or F.

- T F Columbus sailed with three ships.
- T F Columbus proved the Earth was round.
- T F Nobody lived in the Americas before Columbus arrived.
- T F The Vikings reached North America about 500 years before Columbus.
- T F Columbus's sailors used GPS to find their way.

3 Unscramble the ships

A Ñ I N

T A P I N

T A N S A R A M Í A

4 Explorer's challenge

Draw 3 things you would pack for a long trip across the ocean.



Answer Key

1 • Fill in the blank

a. **Spain** b. **October 12** c. **Asia** d. **Taíno** e. **compass**

2 • True or false

True. The Niña, the Pinta and the Santa María.

False. Educated people already knew the Earth was round. The real question was how big it was, and Columbus guessed too small.

False. Many people already lived there, like the Taíno, with homes, farms and canoes.

True. Leif Erikson and the Vikings arrived around the year 1000.

False. They used a compass, the stars and careful math.

3 • Unscramble the ships

Niña • Pinta • Santa María

4 • Explorer's challenge

Any answer works! Ask your explorer why they chose each item. Sailors in 1492 packed things like water barrels, hardtack (dry biscuits), salted meat, rope and spare sails.

TALK ABOUT IT

- How do you think the Taíno felt when strange ships arrived?
- What would be the scariest part of sailing into the unknown?
- Psalm 139 says God's hand leads us even across the sea. When has God guided you somewhere new?