



Christopher Columbus



Christopher Columbus was a Spanish explorer. He was born in 1451 and he died in 1506.

Key Knowledge

The explorer Christopher Columbus made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain: in 1492, 1493, 1498 and 1502. He was determined to find a direct water route west from Europe to Asia, but he never did. Instead, he accidentally found the Americas. Though he did not really "discover" the so-called New World—millions of people already lived there—his journeys marked the beginning of centuries of exploration.



Columbus has a controversial legacy — he is remembered as a daring and path-breaking explorer who transformed the New World, yet his actions also made changes that would eventually devastate the native populations he and his fellow explorers encountered.

Key Vocabulary

discover	To unexpectedly find something.
explorer	A person who travels in unknown areas to find out about them.
journey	To travel somewhere.
legacy	What we remember someone for.
navigator	A person who explores by sea.
route	The way you go to get to your destination.





			
Christopher Columbus	Queen Elizabeth I	Queen Elizabeth II Coronation	Moon Landing
1492	1559	1953	1969