

Christopher Columbus

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Life Before Fame

- * Born around Aug. 25 & Oct. 31, 1451 Genoa, Italy
- Tutored until 14 years old
- Sailed on trading trips
- * Portugal rejected his request to sail western route
- * Repeatedly turned down

Main Achievements

- * Sailed Atlantic ocean for western route to Asia
- * Found Caribbean islands
- * Found out other humans (Indians) existed
- * Explored the Caribbean, South & Central America
- Linked the Eastern & Western

hemispheres



Columbus reaching the Caribbean



The Columbian Exchange



Columbus: Hero or Villain?

Positive Actions

Negative Actions

- Tried to simplify trade routes to Asia
- * Added to geography
- * Columbian Exchange



- * 'Stole' Founding Father title
- Captured natives for slaves
- Diseased people with small pox, measles & typhus
- * Native Americans Genocide

Indians being brought to Spain as slaves

The Three G's

Found gold for Spanish

(Gold)

- * European goods for tribes' gold
- * Named seas, lands and became Governor

(Glory)

- * Returned as man how discovered many lands
- Converted Indians

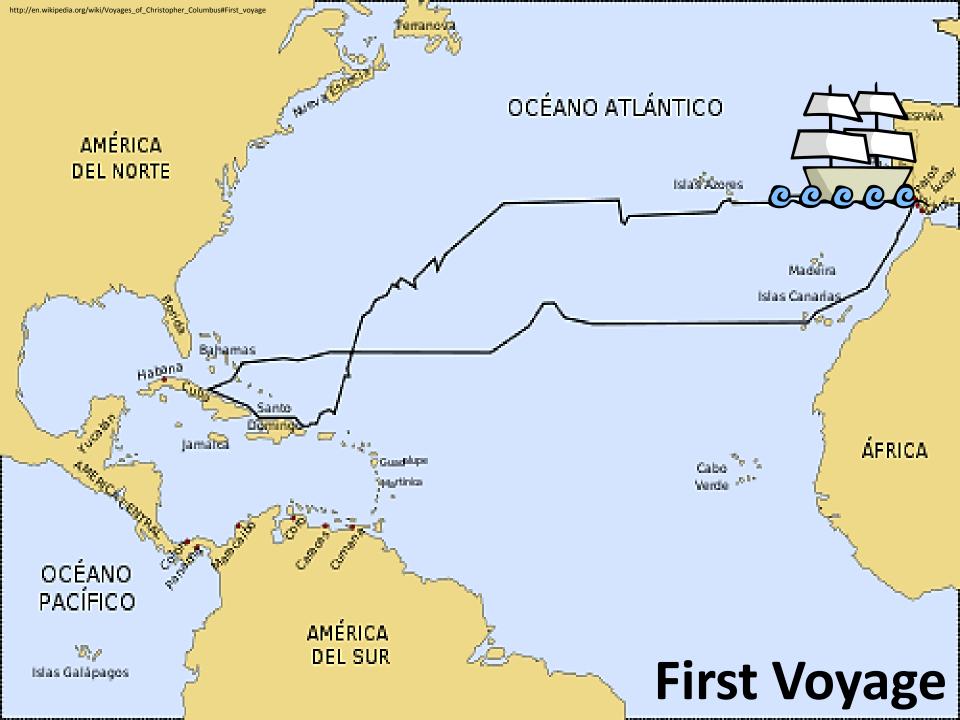
(Gospel)

Taught Indians to be Catholic through force

First Voyage



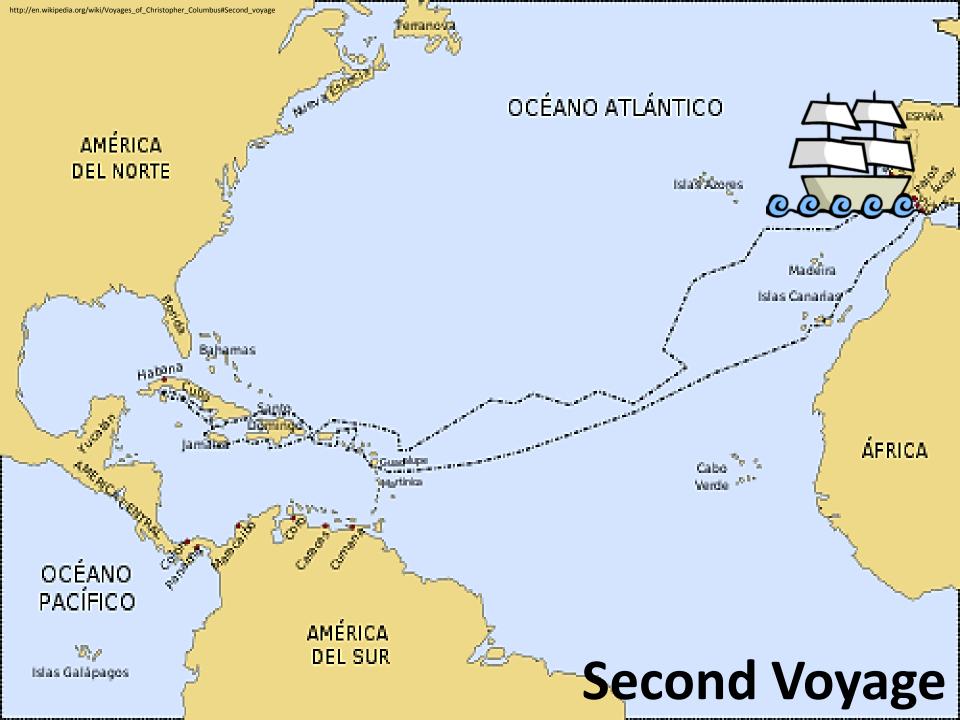
- * Oct. 12, 1492: with Pinta, Nina, and Santa Maria
- * Oct. 12: sighted land after 5 weeks
- * Didn't find riches, continued to "China"
- * Nov. 21: Pinta and crew left to explore
- December 31: Columbus's Santa Maria wrecked
- * Jan. 16 1493: Arrived at Spain



Second Voyage

- * Sept. 23, 1493: with 17 ships and 1,200 men.
- * Nov. 3: crew sighted land and discovered Jamaica
- * Didn't find riches, continued to Hispaniola
- Conquered Hispaniola then colonized
- * March 1496: A





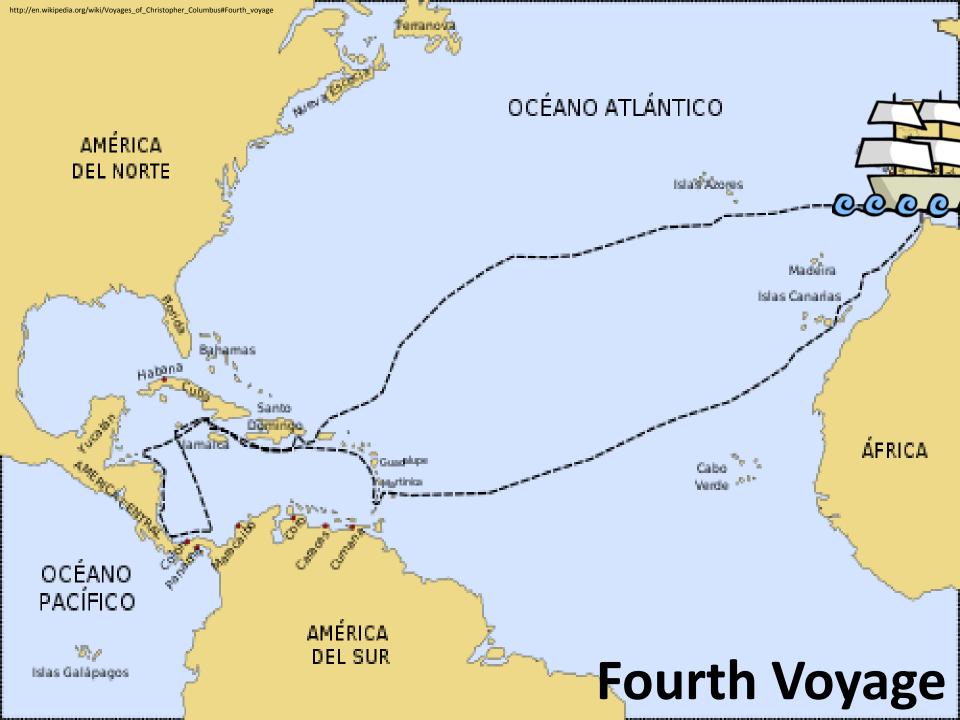
Third Voyage

- * May 30 1498: more southern route
- * July 31: discovered Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, & Margarita
- Arrested and sent to Spain
 - * Was released



Fourth Voyage

- * May 9, 1502
- * June: Arrived in Hispaniola
- Continued to Explore
- * July 4: Central America
- January 1503: Panama and gold
- * Nov. 7, 1504: Sail back to Spain



Life of a Retired Explorer

- * Back to Spain with son
- * Became ill
- * Died from Reiter's Syndrome on May 20, 1506
- * Valladolid, Spain

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