

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will learn about Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the Americas.

Materials and Prep

Materials: Paper, pencils, coloring materials, computer with internet access.

Prep: Familiarize yourself with the story of Christopher Columbus and have a world map ready for reference.

Activities

- **1. Create a Timeline:** Draw a timeline of Christopher Columbus's life and voyages. Include key events and dates.
- **2. Map Exploration:** Use a world map to trace Columbus's voyages. Mark the route he took and the places he discovered.
- **3. Design a Flag:** Design a flag that Columbus might have flown on his ships during his voyages.
- **4. Journal Entry:** Write a journal entry pretending to be Christopher Columbus. Describe your thoughts and feelings during the voyage.

Talking Points

- **Who was Christopher Columbus?**
"Christopher Columbus was an explorer who sailed from Europe to the Americas in 1492."
- **Why did Columbus sail west?**
"Columbus wanted to find a new route to Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean."
- **What did Columbus discover?**
"Columbus reached the Caribbean islands and thought he had found a new route to Asia. He called the people he met 'Indians'."
- **Impact of Columbus's voyages:**
"Columbus's voyages led to the beginning of European exploration and colonization of the Americas."