

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the history of Christopher Columbus and the pilgrims.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen or pencil
- Blank paper or notebook
- Access to the internet or library resources
- Optional: Art supplies for a creative activity

Before starting the lesson, make sure you have some basic knowledge about Christopher Columbus and the pilgrims. You can search for information online or find books in your local library.

## Activities

1. **Research Christopher Columbus:** Use your resources to gather information about Christopher Columbus. Take notes on his background, voyages, and impact on history.
2. **Create a Timeline:** Using your notes, create a timeline of Christopher Columbus's major events and discoveries. Include dates and brief descriptions of each event.
3. **Compare and Contrast:** Compare the experiences of Christopher Columbus and the pilgrims. Write a short paragraph highlighting the similarities and differences in their journeys, motivations, and interactions with indigenous peoples.
4. **Creative Activity:** Choose one of the following creative activities to showcase your understanding of the lesson:
  - Create a comic strip depicting a scene from Christopher Columbus's voyage.
  - Design a poster showcasing the daily life of pilgrims.
  - Write and perform a short skit about an encounter between Christopher Columbus and a Native American.

## Sixth Grade Talking Points

- "Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer who is credited with discovering America in 1492. However, it's important to note that there were already indigenous peoples living in the Americas."
- "Columbus made a total of four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean, exploring various Caribbean islands and parts of Central and South America."
- "The pilgrims were a group of English settlers who arrived in North America on the Mayflower in 1620. They established the Plymouth Colony in what is now Massachusetts."
- "Columbus's voyages and the arrival of the pilgrims had significant impacts on the history and culture of the Americas."
- "It's important to recognize the perspectives and experiences of the indigenous peoples who were already living in the Americas when Columbus and the pilgrims arrived."