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Columbus Day

The second Monday of October is Columbus Day! This festivity is celebrated only in the United States of America. Why?

During Christopher Columbus' time people thought the world was flat. Columbus was born in Genoa, a beautiful Italian city on the north-west coast. For many years he watched ships leave the **port** of Genoa. He noticed that these ships seemed to go under the **horizon**. He was convinced that the world was round, but no one believed him. He wanted to reach the East by sailing to the West. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain believed Columbus' theory. They gave him three ships, the Santa Maria, the Nina and the Pinta to travel and test this theory.

Columbus was an expert **navigator**. After a long and difficult **voyage**, he and his men reached the North American continent on 12 October, 1492! The famous Italian **explorer** discovered the New World! After his great discovery a new era of **exploration** began and America was born.



Today most Americans celebrate Columbus Day with colourful **parades** and they **elect** a Columbus Day Queen. The parade is usually long with big **floats** dedicated to Columbus and there are other **multi-cultural** floats too. After the **parade** there is usually a dinner and dance.

In San Francisco, California, there is also a **re-enactment** of Columbus' discovery. A man dresses up as Columbus and several other men dress up as his sailors. They get into a boat and row to the beach. When they get out of their boat they **kneel** on the beach and thank God.
Americans enjoy remembering the great **navigator**!



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Match the words with what they mean. Write the number of the word next to the correct definition.

1. port	____ to go down or rest on the knees or a knee.
2. horizon	____ a person who investigates unknown places.
3. navigator	____ travel over the sea on ship
4. voyage	____ the line between the sky and the earth
5. explorer	____ many people walking up and down a street with bands
6. exploration	playing music on floats.
7. parade	____ people from many different cultures and countries
8. elect	____ to choose by voting
9. multi-cultural	____ a play on stage
10. re-enactment	____ an explorer skilled in steering a ship
11. kneel	____ a city, town, or other place where ships load or unload.
	____ the investigation of unknown regions or places

Answer the following questions

1. When is Colombus Day celebrated?

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2. Where is it celebrated?

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3. What did people think about the world in Columbus' days?

   _____

4. Where was Colombus born?

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5. What was Colombus convinced of?

   _____

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6. Who believed his theory?

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7. What did they give him?

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8. What happened on October the 12th,1492?

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9. How do Americans celebrate Colombus Day?

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10. Where do American create the re-enactment of Columbus' discovery?

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11. What do the actors do when they get out of their boat?

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Find the words in the wordsearch.

elect
exploration
explorer
floats
horizon
kneel
multicultural
navigator
port
reenactment
voyage

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