

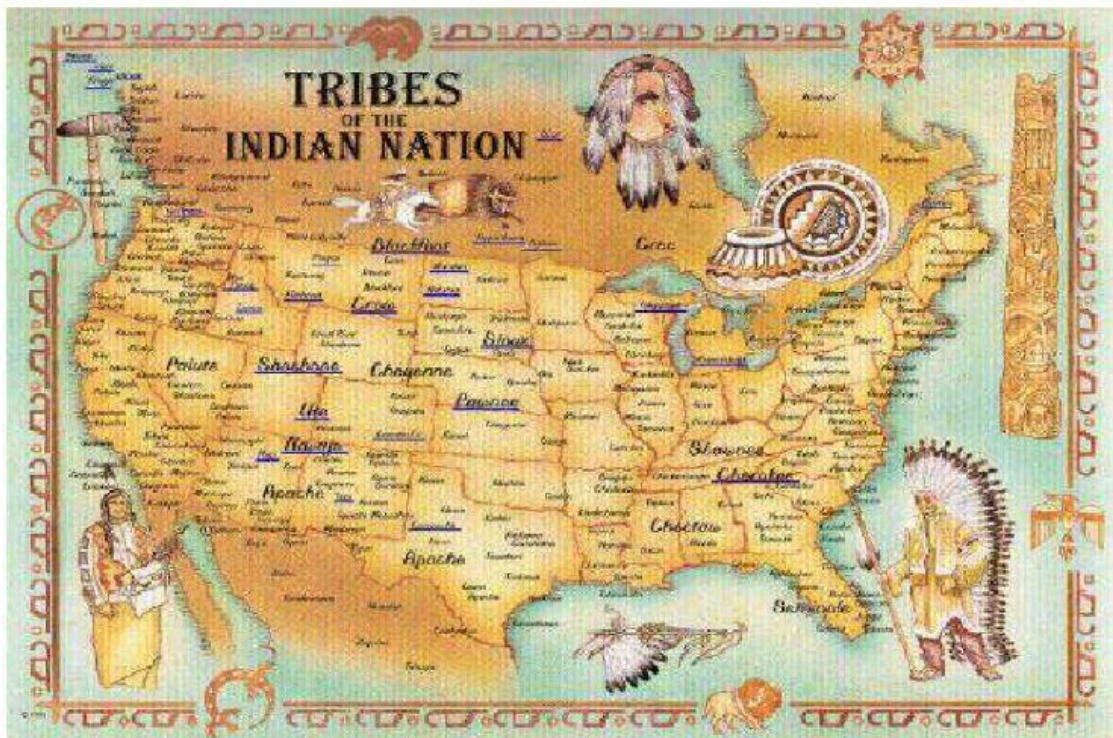
Station N°2: Christopher Columbus' Mistake



In **1492** the European explorers arrived in America. They found around 2 million Native Americans living there. **Christopher Columbus** made his famous mistake. He called them **Indians**, thinking they had landed in Far East of Asia, in India. He discovered the New World, but it was **Amerigo Vespucci** who proved, this New World is the 4th continent, not Asia. After him the America got its name.

These "Indians" belonged to at least **600 different tribes** (unofficially 4000) and spoke about **200 different languages**. The most famous tribes were:

- the Sioux (or Lakota)
- the Apache
- the Cheyenne
- the Cherokee
- the Bigfoot



Each tribe spoke a different language, they had different customs, houses and entertainments. However, they all followed a similar life based on hunting and farming. Those people were all related to people of Northern Asia. Their ancestors crossed a land bridge from **Siberia to Alaska**.

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Complete the text with the words in box. There are two words extra, that don't fit in the text.

In ¹_____ Christopher ²_____ “discovered” America by accident. He was actually trying to reach ³_____. He called the people that lived there ⁴_____. This was completely ⁵_____. Later, America got its name after ⁶_____.

There were numerous ⁷_____ of Native Americans or “Indians”. Even though they spoke ⁸_____ languages, had different ⁹_____ of houses and entertainment, they lived the very same ¹⁰_____ of life.