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THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

1. Listen to the video and fill in the gaps.

dreamt	ships	Atlantic	thought	monsters
flat	century	sailors	around	abyss	journey

In the fifteenth _____ people thought the seas were filled with _____ that could swallow _____ whole and sirens that placed _____ under a spell with their songs to make them wreck their ships against the rocks. They _____ the world was _____ and that the seas ended in a great _____. But the sailor Christopher Columbus didn't believe in the flat earth idea or in monsters. He _____ of reaching India by crossing the _____ Ocean. He was convinced that, by going this way, the _____ would be shorter than sailing _____ Africa.

2. Make a list of at least 10 new words that you have learnt and their meaning. You can look at the dictionary.

3. Answer the questions with complete sentences.

- Did Christopher Columbus believe that the earth was flat?

- Where did he want to arrive?
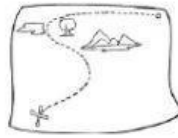
- Which country supported Columbus journey?

- Which navigation instrument did he use in the ocean?

  a) A compass   b) A world map   c) A sextant

- What happened to the sailors on the ships?

- How many months was Columbus on the ocean?

- How did Columbus name the indigenous people?

- Were the indigenous people dangerous?

- Why was "the new world" called America?

- If Cristopher Columbus had named "the new world", what name do you think it would have?

4. These past verbs appear in the video. Write their infinitives and meanings.

INFINITIVE	PAST VERB	MEANING
	thought	
	was/were	
	dreamt	
	passed	
	decided	