

My Journey with Cristopher Columbus

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August 3rd, 1492

We set sail from Palos de Moguer, in Southern Spain. We have three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. We sailed down toward the Canary Islands. We want to sail to India. Other explorers have already tried to get there.

August 9th

We saw the coast of Grand Canary Island. Finally, we landed. That night there was a big storm. Lightning flashing in the sky. It rained until morning.



September 9th

We set sail from the Canary Islands and went to the west. The captain thinks it is going to be a long journey. We sailed about twenty leagues. The crew saw a tropical bird. We must be close to land.

September 25th

In the morning, the water was calm. Then in the afternoon, the weather got windy. We continued sailing west. At sunset, the captain shouted that he saw land.



September 26th

We thought we saw land, but it was only clouds. We continued to sail west. The sea is like a river. The air is calm.



October 7th

At sunrise, we saw land. A lot of birds flew over the ships. We didn't go to the west, we thought it would be better to go to the south.



October 12th

After midnight, we saw lights. At 2 a.m. we discovered land! In the morning, we will try to reach the shore.



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1- Extract the following information from the text.

Where did they set sail from? _____

Name of the ships? _____

Where were they sailing to at the very beginning? _____

They wanted to get to _____

Who tried to get to India? _____

2- Decide if these sentences are True, False or Doesn't Say.

- a) The sailors saw the West Coast of the Grand Canary Island.
- b) It rained and they heard thunder.
- c) On September 25th, the crew saw land.
- d) What they saw were clouds.
- e) Afterwards, they sailed to the south.
- f) They saw land again, they waited until midnight, but they didn't see any lights.



