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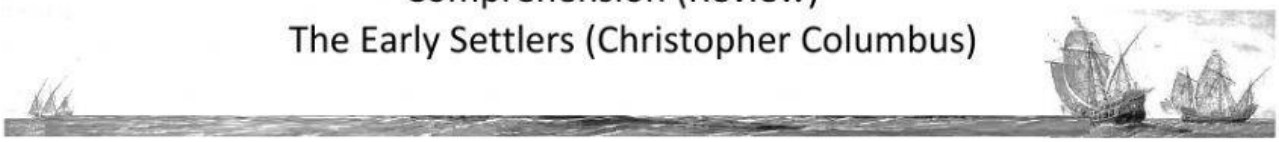
Comprehension (Review)

The Early Settlers (Christopher Columbus)



Read the passage below. Follow instructions to answer the questions.

Christopher Columbus was born in Italy. He knew that the earth was round and he wanted to find a shorter sea route to India by going west. He needed ships, men and money to make the long voyage. The King and Queen of Spain agreed to help him. They hoped he would find lots of gold, which would make their country **wealthy** or rich. They gave him three ships. They were The Nina, The Pinta and The Santa Maria. On 12th October 1492, the three ships arrived at an island, which the Lucayan people called Guanahani. Columbus renamed the island San Salvador.

A few years later, other Spanish ships came. They killed many Lucayans. They also made some Lucayans their **slaves**. This means that the Lucayans worked without pay. Soon, all the Lucayans had died and the Spanish people went back to Spain. No one lived in the Bahamas for a long time.

Place an x in the box to answer questions 1 - 4.

1. Where was Christopher Columbus born?
   - ☐ San Salvador
   - ☐ Italy
   - ☐ Guanahani

2. How many ships did Columbus have?
   - ☐ 3
   - ☐ 5
   - ☐ 2

3. When did Columbus arrive in Guanahani?
   - ☐ October 12th, 1942
   - ☐ October 12th, 1924
   - ☐ October 12th, 1492

4. Who paid for Columbus' trip?
   - ☐ The Lucayans
   - ☐ King and Queen of Spain
   - ☐ King and Queen of Italy

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Complete the table below.

5.

What Columbus Needed	Names of Columbus' Ships
I. ships	I.
II.	II.
III.	III. The Santa Maria

Type your answer on the lines provided.

6. In the passage, which word is a synonym for **wealthy**?

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7. Columbus and his men made some Lucayans their **slaves**. Define the term slaves.

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8. Give two reasons why no one lived in the Bahamas for a long time.

(I)_____ (II)_____

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