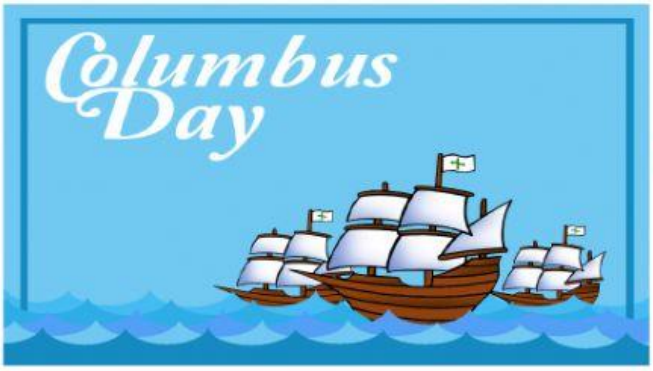

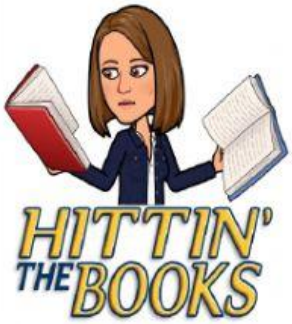

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Reading Comprehension

Long ago some people believed that the Earth was flat. However, others thought that the Earth might be round. Christopher Columbus was one of them. He wanted to find a shorter route to India. He thought that he could find it by sailing west. He decided to talk the king and queen of Spain into paying for his trip. They hoped that Christopher Columbus would bring back species and other riches from India.

Columbus and his crew were prepared to travel on August 3rd, 1492. They were provided with three ships: "Niña", "Pinta" and "Santa María". They sailed during weeks. After about two months, they found land. Columbus thought the were in Asia. But they were really on an island in the Bahamas.

Columbus continued to sail on to Cuba. He wanted to explore a world that was new to Europeans. This would later be called the "New World". Native American people lived in the islands. Columbus called them "Indians", because he thought they had landed in the Indies, also known as Asia. At first, the Indian were happy to see their visitors. Columbus gave them chep presents and bells, but he also claimed their island for Spain! When Columbus returned to Spain, the king and queen were happy with him.

1.-How did people think the shape of the Earth was?

Round **Flat**

2.-What was Christopher Columbus goal?

He wanted to find a shorter way to India **He wanted to find the way to Cuba**

3.-How long did Columbus and his crew sail?

They sailed about five months **They sailed about two months**

4.-Who did Columbus ask to pay the trip?

The king and queen of India **The king and queen of Spain**

5.-When did Cristopher Columbus arrive to the new land?

On August 3rd,1492 **On August 3rd, 1498**

6.-How did Columbus name the place he arrive at?

The New Indies **The New World**

7.-How did Columbus name local people?

Americans **Indians**

8.-How did the Indians feel when they saw their visitors?

Happy **Upset**

9.-What did Christopher Columbus give their new friends?

Cheap presents and bells **Clothes and shoes**

10.-How many ships did Columbus have?

Four: "Niña", "Pinta" and "Santa Cecilia" **Three:** "Niña", "Pinta" and "Santa María"