

Columbus Day Vocabulary

1. **ocean**: a large body of water that covers 70% of the earth
2. **crew**: the men and women who work on a ship
3. **Genoa, Italy**: The birth place of Christopher Columbus
4. **king**: the male sovereign of a country
5. **land route**: the path or road traveled over land
6. **Italy**: the country where Columbus was born
7. **mutiny**: sailors revolt against the captain of their ship
8. **island**: a piece of land surrounded by water
9. **queen**: the female sovereign of a country
10. **New World**: One of the names given to the new land Columbus discovered in 1492
11. **silk**: a type of cloth that produced from the silkworm
12. **Niña** : One of the smaller of three ships that sailed with Columbus
13. **Santa Maria**: Columbus sailed on this ship in 1492
14. **discovery**: something that is found
15. **Pinta**: One of the smaller of three ships that sailed with Columbus
16. **explorer**: a person who looks for new places
17. **spices**: used to add flavor to food
18. **gems**: jewels in the ground
19. **Christopher**: Columbus's first name
20. **Spain**: the country that helped Columbus