

Lesson 1: The Voyages of Columbus

Directions: Answer the questions below on the lines provided. You may use your textbook.

1. What was one possible reason the Europeans wanted to go to the Indies?

2. How did Columbus get the king and queen of Spain to pay for his expedition?

3. What are the names of the ships Columbus used in his first voyage?

4. About how long did it take Columbus and his crew to cross the Atlantic?

5. What is the name of the place historians believe Columbus reached first?

6. Why did Columbus lead more expeditions to the Americas, bringing with him people, animals, and other supplies?

7. How did the Columbian Exchange change the lives of the people involved?



Notes for Home: Your child learned about the effects of Columbus's voyages to the Americas.
Home Activity: Have your child explain how Columbus's voyages to the Americas affected people in Europe and the Americas.