Christopher Columbus Mini-Book

Directions:

- Cut along the dotted lines.
 Do **not** cut off the gray tabs.
- 2. Draw detailed pictures to show what happens on each page.
- 3. Color your pictures.
- 4. Stack your pages in the correct order and staple along the gray tab.
- 5. Use information from the mini-book to answer the auestions on the auestion sheet.

The Story of Christopher Columbus



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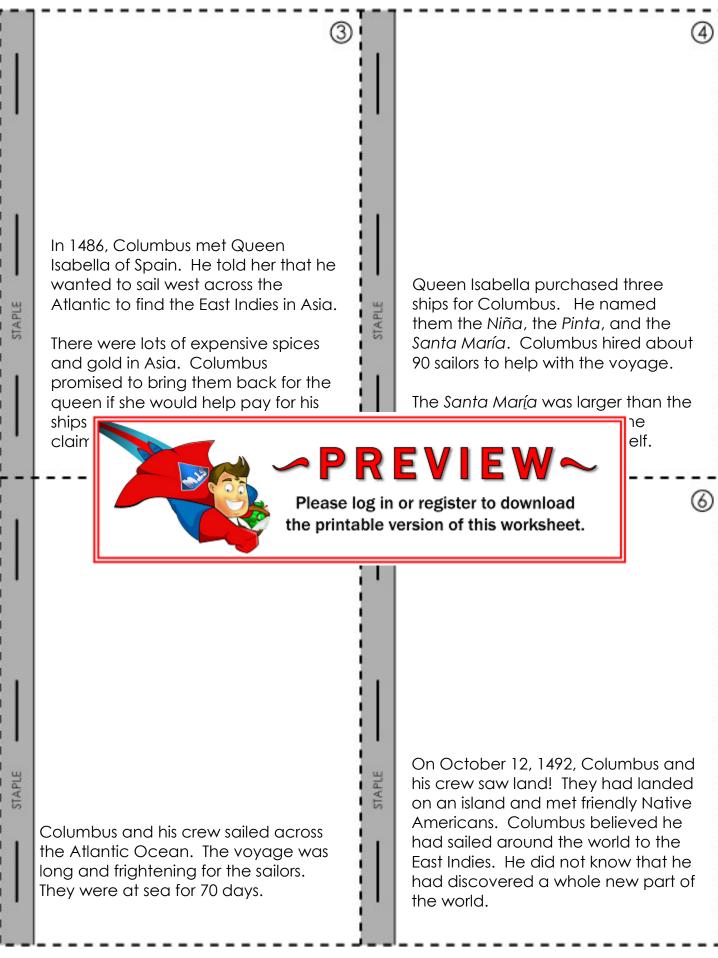
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In 1451, Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. He had many

brothers and sisters. His family did not have a lot of money.

When Columbus was a young man, he worked on ships. He sailed around the Mediterranean Sea. Once he tried to sail to England, but he got shipwrecked in Portugal.



While exploring the islands of the New World, the Santa María struck a reef and was badly damaged. It could no longer be sailed. There wasn't enough space in the two small ships for all 90 sailors to return to Spain.

The crew took the Santa María apart and used the lumber to build a fort.

The fort provided the crow a safe

Some of the sailors stayed in the New World and formed a new community. Columbus and the rest of the crew sailed the *Niña* and the *Pinta* back to Spain.

Columbus was excited to tell Queen Isabella about the land and the

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When he returned to Spain,
Columbus did not have gold or spices
to give the queen. Instead, he
brought back things from the New
World that people in Europe had
never seen before.

He presented the queen with pineapples, turkeys, tobacco, and hammocks. He even brought back some Native American people.

Columbus made three more trips to the New World before he died in 1506.

Today, people in the United States remember Columbus with a national holiday. Columbus Day is celebrated each year on the second Monday in October.

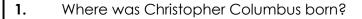
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