

European Exploration

Columbus: Myth or Reality

1. Columbus thought the world was flat.
2. Columbus' crew thought they would fall off the Earth.
3. Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria were small ships.
4. The weather was rough during the voyage.
5. Columbus was an inexperienced sailor.
6. There was never a threat of mutiny.
7. Columbus was arrested and sent back to Spain.
8. Columbus died penniless.
9. Columbus gained the title of "Admiral of the Ocean."
10. The natives in the Bahamas were very friendly at first meeting.
11. Columbus sent 500 natives to Spain after his 2nd voyage.
12. After a uprising at Hispaniola, Columbus cuts noses and ears off the natives who disobeyed.
13. Natives, over the age of 14, had to pay Columbus gold or their hand would be cut off.
14. Columbus developed a slave trade in North America.
15. Columbus enslaved more Native Americans than anyone else.