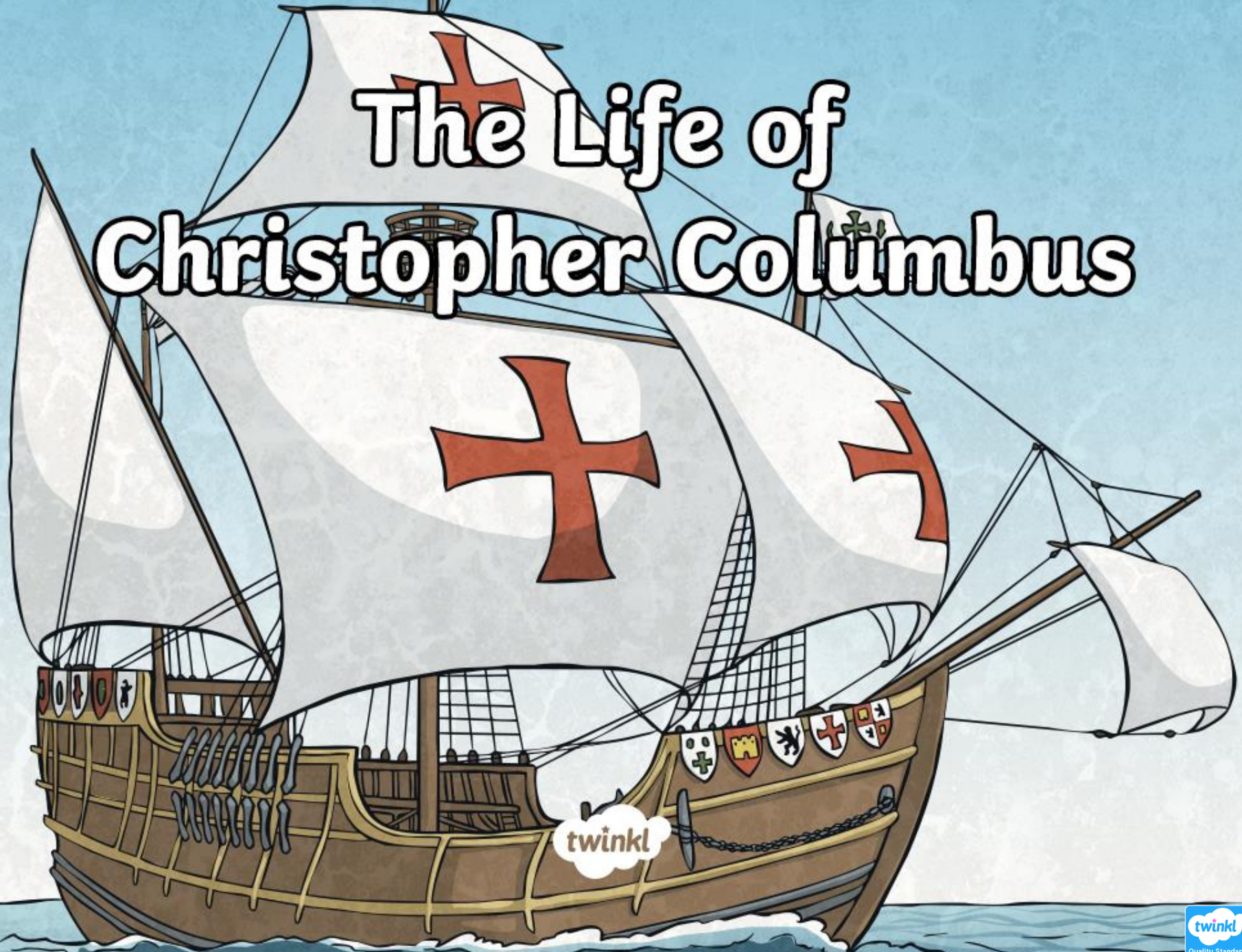
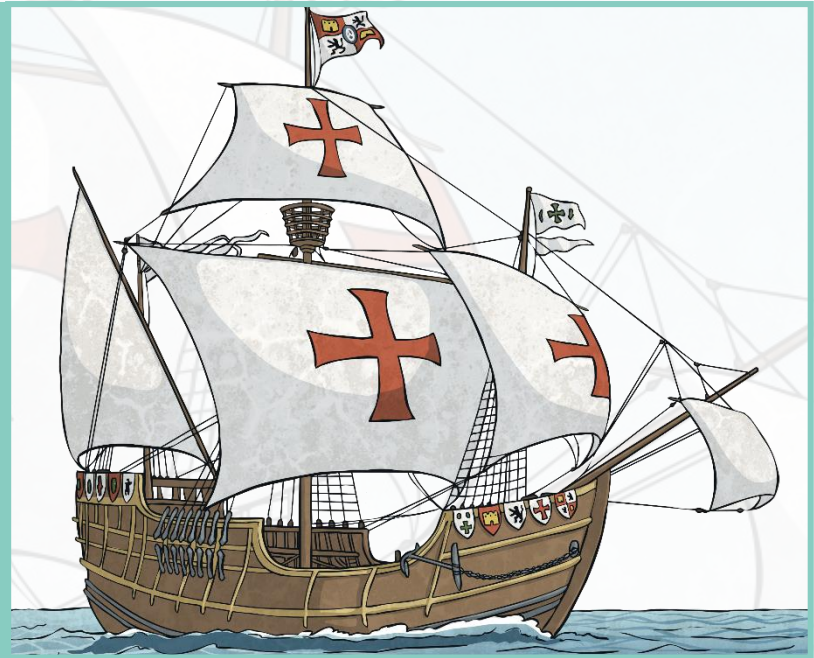


The Life of Christopher Columbus



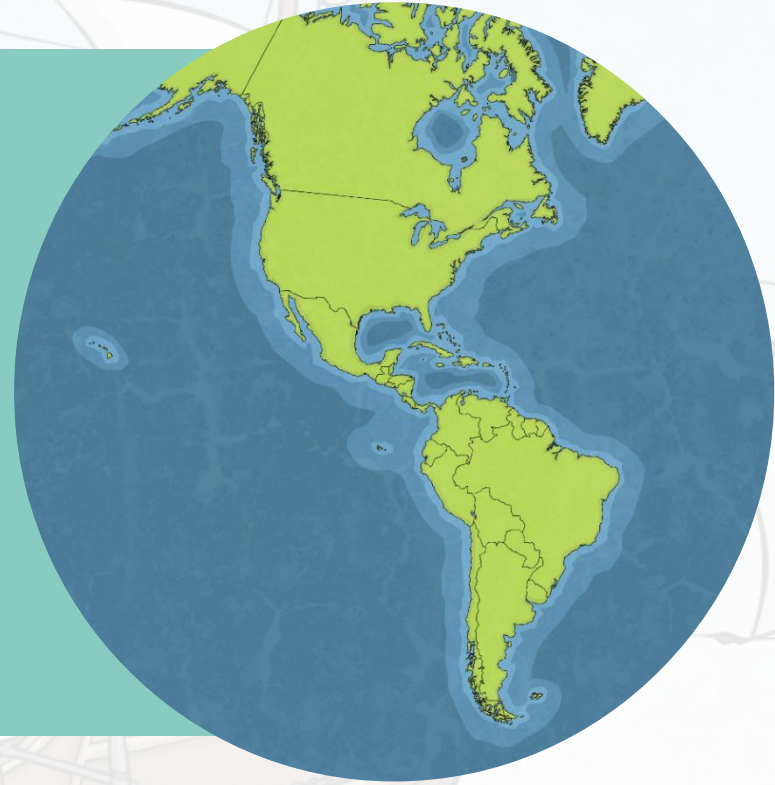
Who Was Christopher Columbus?

- Christopher Columbus was a famous explorer.
- In 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed from Europe to America.
- He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, not knowing where he would land.



What Did Christopher Columbus Do?

- It is important to note that Christopher Columbus did not discover the Americas, but he started regular contact between Europe and the Americas.
- Vikings had landed in America 500 years before. (Christopher Columbus did not know this.)
- Indigenous people were living across the Americas before the Vikings or Columbus arrived.



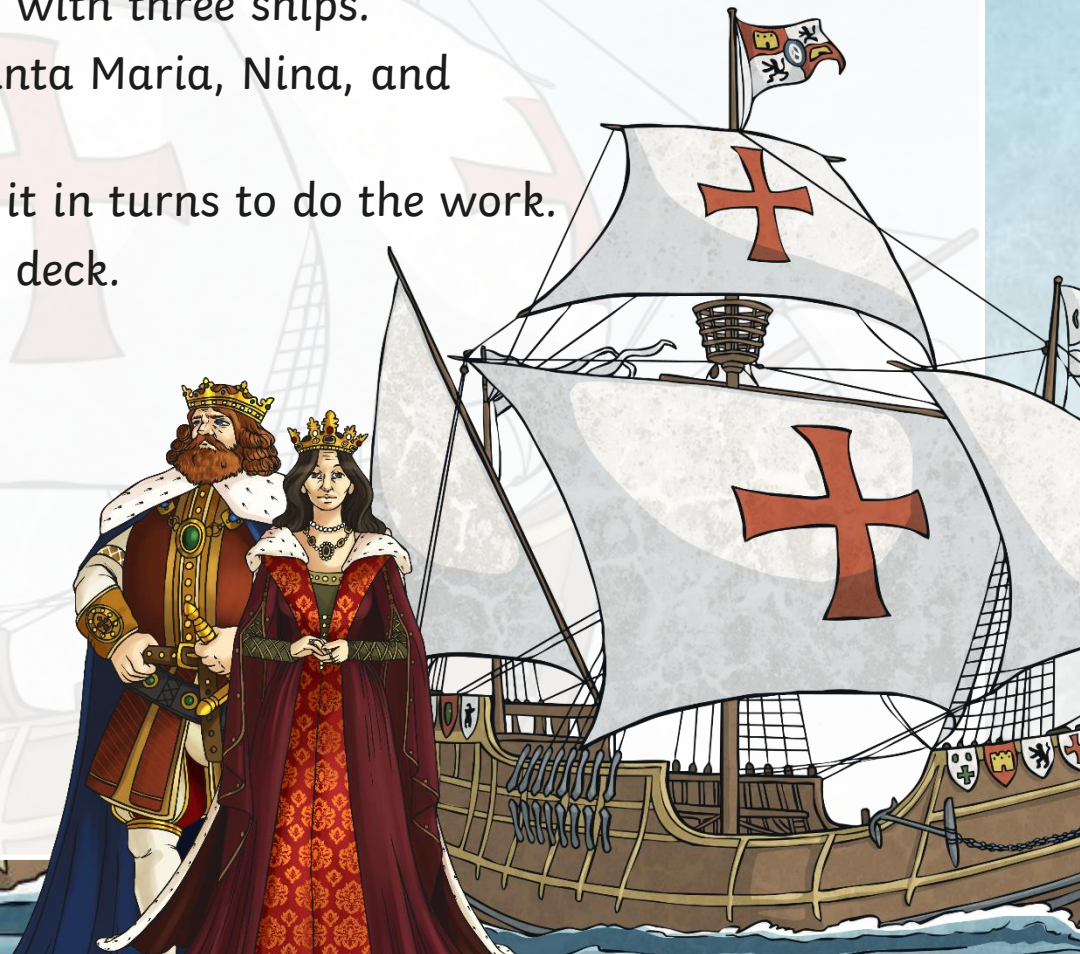
Christopher Columbus' Life

- Christopher Columbus learned to sail in a wooden ship with sails.
- He learned to find his way at sea by using the stars and the sun.
- He went to live in Portugal and he sold maps with his brothers.
- He had a dream to travel west and to go to China.



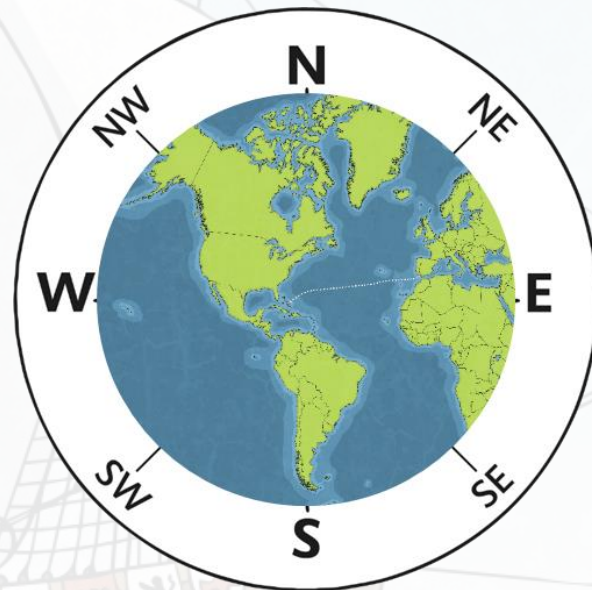
Setting Sail

- To follow his dream, he needed money so the King and Queen of Spain gave him money to buy ships.
- He set sail on August 3, 1492 with three ships.
- The ships were names the Santa Maria, Nina, and Pinta.
- The people on the ships took it in turns to do the work.
- Everyone had to sleep on the deck.



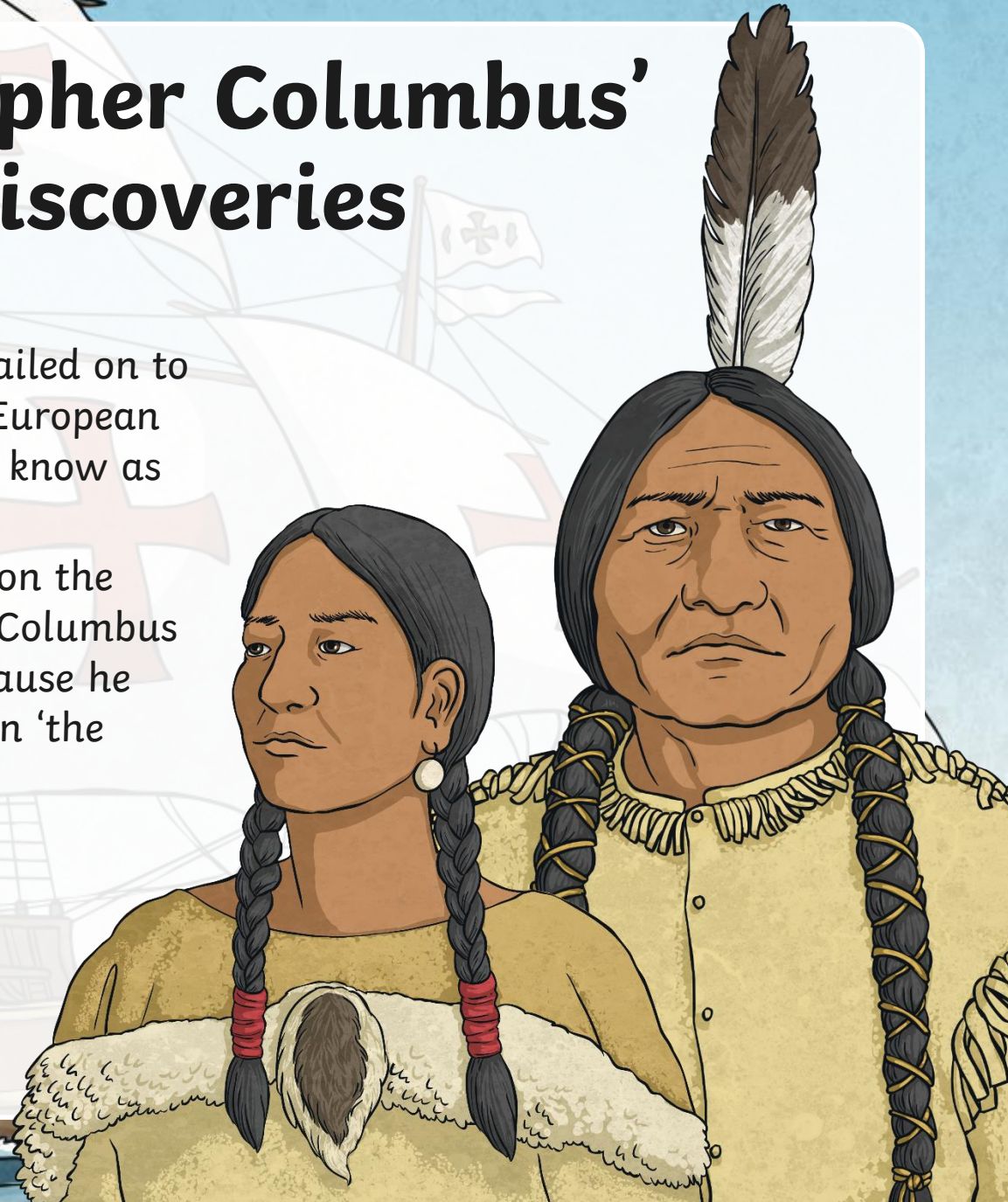
Setting Sail

- Christopher Columbus used a compass to help him find his way.
- The trip took them longer than expected and they got a bit scared.
- They could find no land; all they could see was the ocean.
- They were running out of food and water.
- After 36 days, one man spotted an island: it was in the Bahamas.



Christopher Columbus' Discoveries

- Christopher Columbus sailed on to Cuba and was the first European to discover it. It became known as The New World.
- Indigenous people lived on the islands but Christopher Columbus called them Indians because he thought he had landed in 'the Indies.'



Christopher Columbus' Big Problem!

- On Christmas night of 1492, one of his ships hit a reef and it damaged the ship beyond repair.
- He took the other two ships home, leaving 40 men behind.
- He took some Indigenous people home with him.
- He went back to collect his other men but they were dead when he got there!



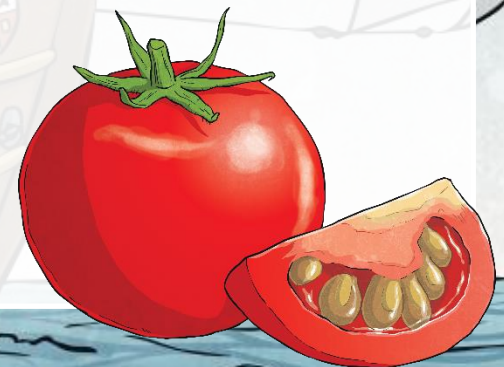
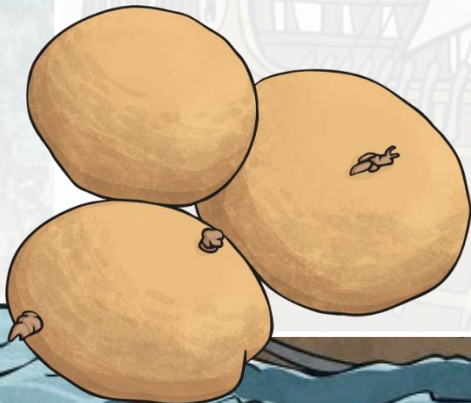
What Happened to Christopher Columbus?

- Christopher Columbus sailed to America in 1502 for the fourth time, still hoping he would get to China.
- Instead, he ended up in Central America.
- His ships had holes in them so he had to wait a whole year to sail home.
- When he got home, he was very ill and he died in 1506.



Interesting Facts

- Christopher Columbus' biggest ship was less than 75ft long.
- Before Christopher Columbus had been to the Americas, no one in Europe had ever tried a tomato or a potato.
- The sailors ate stew made from salt, meat and bones.



Discussion

1. What was Christopher Columbus famous for?
2. It was his dream to travel to which country?
3. What vegetable did Christopher Columbus bring back from the Americas?



