

# Christopher Columbus Diary

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1492

Dear Diary,

Today I received the best news – the expedition that I have been planning for years is to happen thanks to the new rulers of Spain. I had little schooling during my childhood in Italy but I always said that I would go to sea when I was old enough. As a teenager, I became a sailor in Greece. When we were attacked by pirates, I knew I was lucky that I had learnt to swim! After that, I spent some time in Lisbon, Portugal. My brother, Bartholomew, owned a bookshop and allowed me to spend hours learning all I could about sailing and maps. All of this has prepared me for the voyage I am planning for later this year when I will cross the 'Sea of Darkness' into the unknown.

I do not think that the world is too large. I will easily find the gold mines written about by Marco Polo following his 1271 journey to Asia. I will have 90 crewmen and supplies to set sail in August in the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. I am confident that our expedition will be successful and we will find many treasures. Whatever happens, I will have explored the seas to find new worlds.

In hope,

Christopher Columbus

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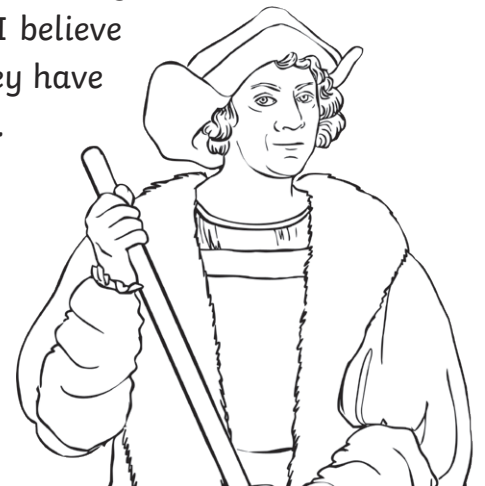
12<sup>th</sup> October 1492

Dear Diary,

The journey was much more difficult than I had expected but after six weeks, we have finally arrived on the new world that I will call San Salvador (Holy Saviour). This morning, as we went ashore, we were met by peaceful, friendly people with golden jewellery so I am sure that my journey will not be wasted. I believe that these people will become Christians as I do not think they have any religion here. I hope they will lead us to the gold mines.

In excitement,

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I am sure that the world is not too large so I will easily find the gold mines written about by Marco Polo following his 1271 journey to Asia. With my 90 crewmen and supplies all set to sail in August in the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria, I am confident that our expedition will be successful and we will find many treasures. Whatever happens, I will have fulfilled my dream of exploring the seas to find new worlds.

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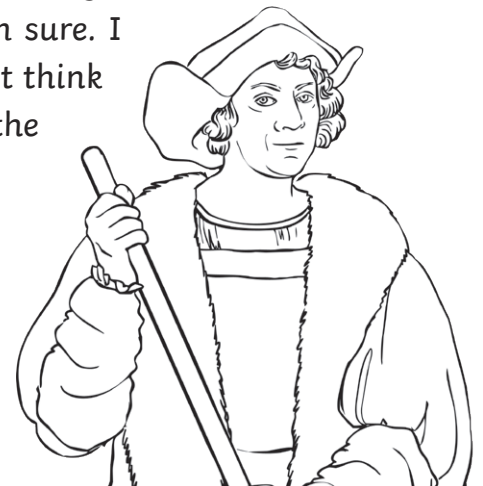
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Dear Diary,

Following a difficult journey taking much longer than I had expected (it took six weeks to cross the 'Sea of Darkness'), we have arrived on the new world that I will call San Salvador (Holy Saviour). As we went ashore, we were met by peaceful, friendly people with golden jewellery – my journey will not be wasted I am sure. I believe that these people will convert to Christianity (I do not think they have any religion here). I hope they will lead us to the gold mines.

In anticipation,

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I am sure that the world is not too large so I will easily find the gold mines written about by Marco Polo following his 1271 journey to Asia. With my 90 crewmen and supplies all set to sail in August in the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria, I am confident that our expedition will be successful and we will find many valuable artefacts. Whatever the outcome, I will have fulfilled my dream of exploring the seas to find new worlds.

In hope,

Christopher Columbus

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Dear Diary,

Following an arduous journey taking much longer than I had anticipated (it took six weeks to cross the 'Sea of Darkness'), we have arrived on the new world that I will call San Salvador (Holy Saviour). As we disembarked, we were met by peaceful, friendly people with golden jewellery – my journey will not be wasted I am sure. I believe that these people will convert to Christianity (I do not think they have any religion here) and will lead us to the gold mines and treasures.

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