**Columbus Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the questions that follow:

[Columbus and the New World Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-columbus-reading/)

1. What is the English translation of the name 'Cristoforo'?
2. In which city and in what year was Christopher Columbus born?
3. What was Christopher Columbus' profession after he was shipwrecked on the Portuguese coastline?
4. What were the names of the Portuguese explorers mentioned in the article who sought a sea route to Asia?
5. What was Christopher Columbus' proposed approach to reach Asia?
6. What was the believed distance between Europe and Asia in the 15th century, and what was Columbus' estimation?
7. Why did Columbus approach King John of Portugal?
8. Who finally agreed to fund Columbus' voyage?
9. Name the three ships that Columbus sailed with on his first voyage.
10. What land did Columbus first sight on his voyage, and what did he believe it to be?
11. What did Columbus call the locals of the islands he discovered?
12. What items did Columbus present to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella upon his return to Spain?
13. On which of Columbus' voyages did he land on the mainland of South America?
14. What happened to Columbus after a series of official complaints about his governance?
15. What happened on Columbus' fourth and final journey?
16. When did Columbus die, and what did he believe about his discoveries until his death?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What motivated Columbus’ journeys to the Americas?*