RS Notes: Christopher Columbus

1. Where was Columbus born?
2. When Columbus was 25, he was shipwrecked because of what?
3. What country had the best sailors?
4. Why did sailing west make sense?
5. What country funded Columbus’ first voyage to the Americas?
6. Who was Spain fighting?
7. Why did Spain decide to fund his voyage?
8. Even though his men were scared, why wouldn’t Columbus turn back?
9. According to the video, what island did Columbus land on?
10. According to Ms. Fitz, what island did Columbus land on?
11. Where did they think they landed?
12. When did the second fleet leave?
13. Why was there so much fighting the second time Columbus went to the New World?
14. In addition to trading goods, what else did the Natives and Europeans trade?
15. On his third trip, what did Columbus think he found in present-day Venezuela?
16. Why was Columbus put in chains and sent back to Spain?
17. What did Columbus want to look for on his 4th voyage?
18. What were three problems Columbus faced on his 4th voyage?



1. What would Columbus take away if the Indians did not feed them?
2. Why did Columbus close himself off in his home?
3. Why did he request to be buried with his chains?
4. How old was he when he died?
5. What is his legacy?

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