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Episode #001 Christopher Columbus

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1. What began after Columbus discovered America?
2. Why did Europeans look for new routes to Asia?
3. What country was Christopher Columbus from?
4. What did the people of Columbus' time believed about the shape of the world?
5. Columbus planned to sail in what direction to reach Asia?
6. Which country helped to finance (pay) for Columbus' voyages?
7. What were the names of Columbus' three ships?
8. Did Columbus believe that he had traveled to Asia?
9. What name did Europeans give to the continent discovered by Columbus?
10. What was the Columbian Exchange and what was traded between America and Europe?

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Vocabulary

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1. era = a period of time in history that is known for a particular event
2. colonize = to establish political control over an area or over another country, and send your citizens there to settle
3. venture = a new business activity that involves taking risks
4. continent = a large mass of land surrounded by sea
5. route = a way from one place to another
6. import = a product that is brought from one country into another so that it can be sold there, or the business of doing this
7. exotic = something that is exotic seems unusual and interesting because it is related to a foreign country
8. merchant = someone who buys and sells goods in large quantities
9. mariner = a sea merchant or sailor involved in business
10. sphere = a ball shape
11. voyage = a long journey in a ship
12. exchange = the act of giving someone something and receiving something else from them