





Explorers

| Christopher Columbus | Neil Armstrong |
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| Christopher Columbus was an explorer born in 1451 in Genoa, in Northern Italy. | Neil Armstrong was an astronaut born in 1930 in the state of Ohio, United States of America. |
| Columbus believed the Earth was round and decided to try and sail west from Europe to reach Asia. | 1967 United States scientists began making plans for a moon landing and designed a new spacecraft called Apollo. |
| August 3rd 1492 three ships sailed west called the Santa Maria, the Nina and the Pinta. | Apollo 11 launched in 1969 it took off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA. |
| 12th October 1492 Columbus found an island and named it San Salvador | Apollo 11 was the first spacecraft to land on the moon. |
| He went on four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. | 21st July 1969 Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon. |
| Columbus became tired and ill and died in 1506. He never knew he had found a new continent, North America. | Neil Armstrong died in 2012 at the age of 82. Today, he still inspires modern astronauts. |



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| <p>Christopher Columbus's ships</p>  | <p>Neil Armstrong's rocket, Apollo 11</p>  |
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Key vocabulary:

Ocean – One of the five very large areas of sea on the Earth's surface.

Explorer – someone who travels to places about which very little is known, in order to discover what is there.

Sailor – a person who works on a ship or sails boats.

Merchant – a person who buys and sells goods.

Voyage – a long journey on a ship or in a spacecraft

Astronaut – an officer in charge of a flight

Flight commander – a person in charge of a flight

Descend – move downwards

Gravity – the force which causes things to drop to the ground

History Timeline

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| 1492-1506 | 1605 | 1666 | 1805-1881 | 1820-1910 | 1837-1901 | 1927-2008 | 1955-Present | 1969 |
| Christopher Columbus | The Gunpowder Plot | The Great Fire of London | Mary Seacole | Florence Nightingale | Victorian era | William Claxton | Tim Berners-Lee | Neil Armstrong lands on the moon |